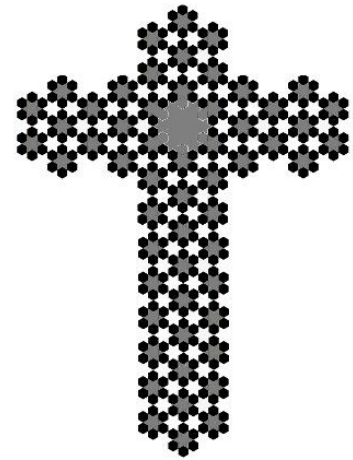


The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged

D. Locklair

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Bless the Lord who forgives us all our sins.
C His mercy endures forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- A** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Is Here!

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- P** Let us pray... .. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

- C** Amen.

WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Numbers, Chapter 21...*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

📖 The Word of the Lord

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*]

H 680 vs 1-4

***Give thanks to God, our gracious Lord, Whose mercy ever stands;
Proclaim that God has brought us safe From our oppressors' hands.***

***From every land the Lord our God Has gathered, called us out,
From farthest east and from the west, The north and from the south.***

***Some suffered for their sinful ways And their rebelliousness;
They loathed all kinds of food and so Came near the gates of death.***

***Then in their trouble, they cried out To God to hear and save,
And God sent forth the healing word To keep them from the grave.***

The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians, Chapter 2...*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears

[Please stand.]

***Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you. Refrain***

Refrain:

***God has spoken to his people, bless his holy Name!
And his words are words of wisdom, burning like a flame.***

***They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. Refrain***

The Gospel

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☩ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

- ☐ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the Church and for the world.
- ☐ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*]
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**
- ☐ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.**
- ☐ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**
- ☐ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give thanks for birthdays this week, Hazel DeStefano, Cyndy Fahnestock, Isabelle Schueler, Wayne Morris. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- ☐ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook.*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- ☐ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- ☑ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. **During this time of social distancing**, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

D Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern Harmony

Julian Guini, soloist

Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand]

D We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God’s world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

H. 474 vs 4

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

A ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

P Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AI **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Al **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C **Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

S. 164

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

COMMUNION CHANT

Bless the Lord, My Soul

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

G **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to have the faith, heart, and hands of Christ in this world, as you go from here blessed in the name of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad

H. 448 vs 1,6

***O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!***

***All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.***

THE DISMISSAL

D Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Gothic Suite

JL. Boëllmann

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Laurie Toohey
Lectors	Alan Mackay & Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Phil Beauchamp & Alan Mackay
Building & Grounds	David Thornton

Please join us on the Patio after the 10 am service for refreshments.

***Today, we bid farewell to our Music Director, Mr. Robert Moncrief.
Bob has served the parish well and he now retires to
Cleveland, Ohio to be near family and friends.***

***Thank you, Bob, for sharing your experience, skill, flexibility and love of music.
The Parish has been blessed by your ministry. We love you and will miss you!***