

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

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WE are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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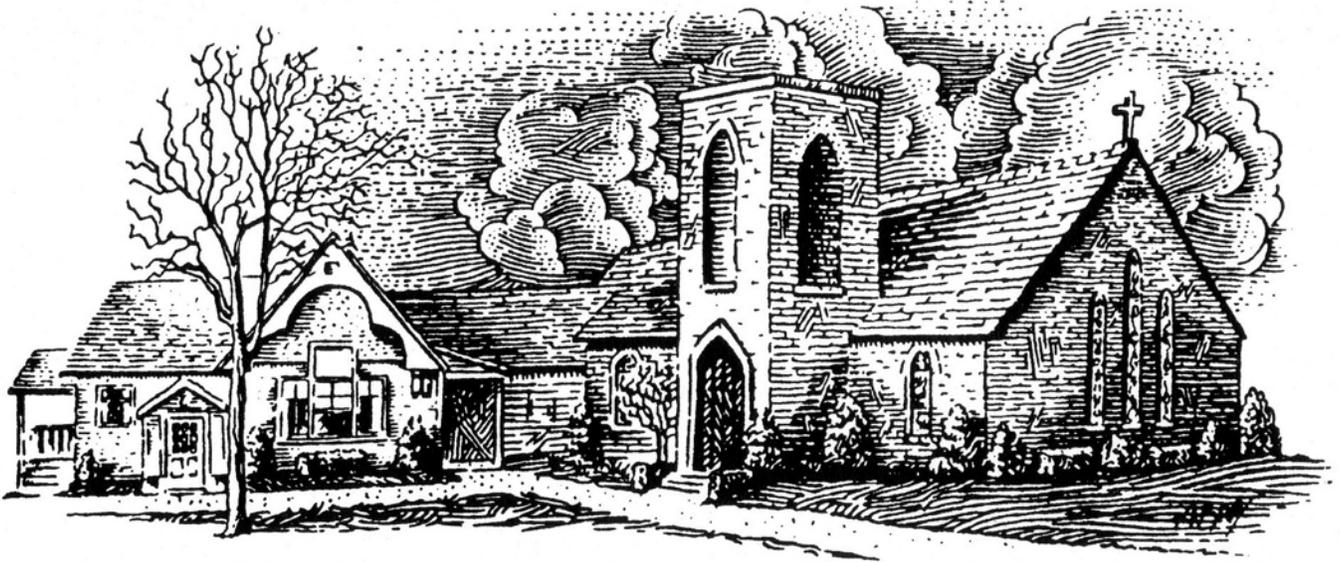
Sheryl Rifkin, Sr. Gregory Simmons



WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.



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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: Communion Service in E

Leo Sowerby (d. 1968)

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

Voluntary: *Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott*

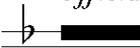
Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)

THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION

The congregation joins in singing the responses of the Litany with the choir.

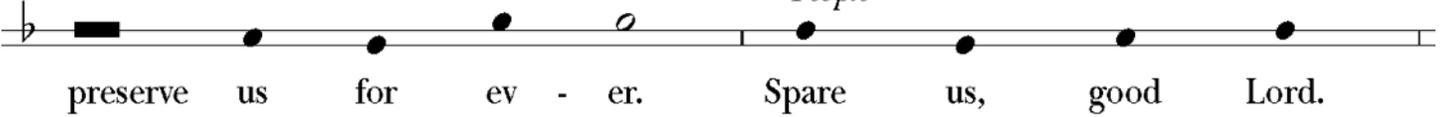
<i>Officiant</i>		<i>People</i>
	o	• • • • •
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,		Have mer - cy up - on us.
<i>Officiant</i>		<i>People</i>
	o	• • • • •
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,		Have mer - cy up - on us.
<i>Officiant</i>		<i>People</i>
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O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful,		Have mer - cy up - on us.
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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,		Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant



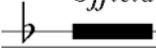
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People



preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

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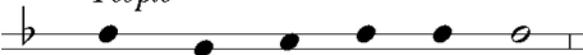


From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant

People



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

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People



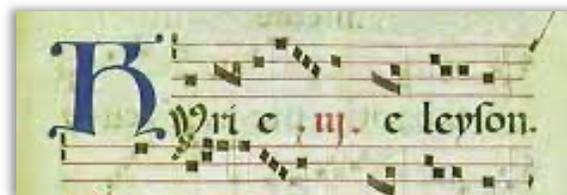
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

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People



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



Kyrie eleison (*choir*)

L. Sowerby

KYRIE ELEISON. Christ eleison. Kyrie eleison.
[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: (monotoned) And with thy spirit.

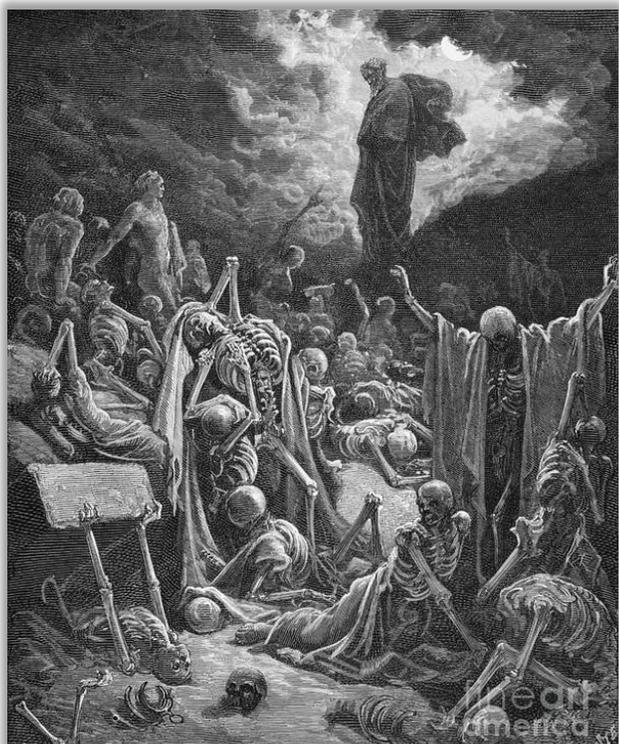
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 [NRSV] (*all sit*)

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

THE HAND of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.



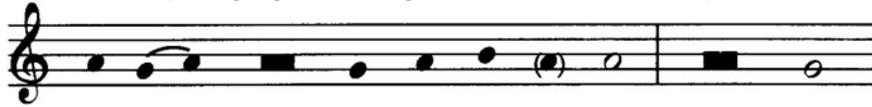
The Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones ~ Gustave Doré

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD GOD:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



- 1 OUT OF the deep have I callèd unto | thee O LORD;
* *LORD hear my / voice.*
- 2 *O let thine ears con- / sider well*
* *the voice of my com- / plaint.*
- 3 If thou LORD wilt be extreme to mark what is | done amiss,
* O LORD, who may abide | it?
- 4 *For there is mer- / cy with thee;*
* *therefore shalt thou be fear- / ed.*
- 5 I look for the LORD; my | soul doth wait for ^ him;
* in his word is my | trust.
- 6 *My soul fleeth unto the LORD before the / morning watch;*
* *I say before the morning / watch.*
- 7 O Israel trust in the LORD; for with the LORD | there is mercy,
* and with him is plenteous redemp- | tion.
- 8 *And he shall / redeem Isra^el*
* *from all his / sins.*



The Epistle: Romans 8: 6-II [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

TO set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

Tract (choir) *Saepe expugnaverunt me*

Tone VIII

MANY A TIME HAVE THEY FOUGHT AGAINST ME: from my youth up. May Israel now say: yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up. But they have not prevailed against me: the plowers ploughed upon my back. And made long furrows: but the righteous Lord hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac-cor-ding to John.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if any one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the LORD.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed from *Missa de Angelis* (sung by all)

See standard translation on Prayer Book p. 326

Cantor

All



Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,
I believe in one God, the-Father almighty,



fa-cto-rem coe-li et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um o - - mni-um, et in-vi-si-bi - - li-um.
maker of-heaven and of-earth, visible of-all-things and invisible.



Et in u-num Do-mi-num Je-sum Chri-stum, Fi-li-um De-i u-ni-ge-ni-tum,
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the-Son of-God only-begotten,



et ex Pa-tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.
and from the-Father born before all worlds.



De-um de De-o, lu-men de lu-mi-ne, De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro.
God of God, light of light, God true of God true.



Ge-ni-tum, non fa - - ctum, con-sub-stan-ti - a-lem Pa-tri: per quem o-mni-a fa-cta sunt.
Begotten, not made, of-one-substance with-the-Father: by whom all-things made were.



Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes, et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem de-scen-dit de coe-lis,
Who for us humans, and for our salvation descended from heaven,

p (Here genuflect) ***pp***



Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu San-cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne: et ho-mo fa-ctus est.
And incarnate was by the-Spirit Holy of Mary the-Virgin: and human made was.

f (Here rise)



Cru-ci - fi - - xus e-ti-am pro no - bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to pas-sus et se-pul - - tus est.
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and buried was.



Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras. Et a-scen-dit in coe - - lum:
And rose-again the-third day, according-to the-Scriptures. And ascended into heaven:



se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri - a
he-sits at the-right-hand of-the-Father. And again to-come is with glory



ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.
to judge the-living and the-dead: of-whose kingdom not shall-be an-end.



mf Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:
And in the-Spirit Holy, the-Lord, and giver-of-life:



qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o
who from the-Father and-the-Son proceeds. Who with the-Father and the-Son



si-mul a-do-ra-tur, et con-glo-ri-fi-ca-tur: qui lo-cu-tus est per Pro - phe-tas.
alike is-worshiped, and together-is-glorified: who spoken has by the-Prophets.



Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.
And in-one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
I acknowledge one baptism for the-remission of-sins.



✠ Et ex - pe - cto re-sur-re-cti-o-nem mor-tu-o-rum. Et vi - tam ven-tu-ri sae-cu-li.
And I-look-for the-resurrection of-the-dead. And the-life to-come of-the-world.



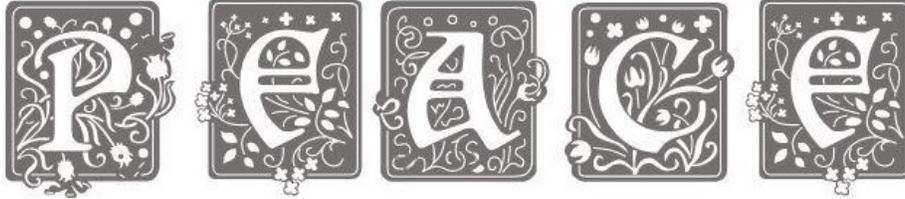
The Prayers of the People and the Confession are omitted when the Great Litany is said.

The Peace


Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.


People: And with thy spi-rit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

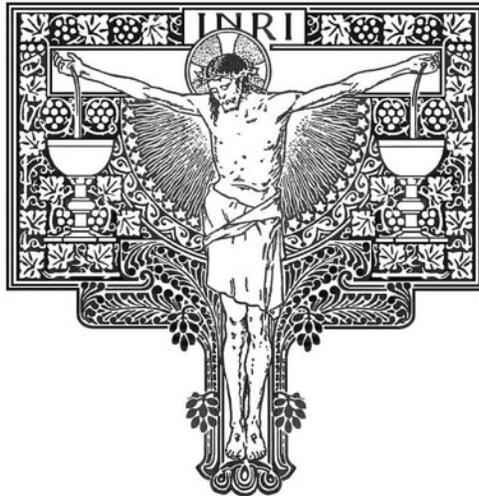
Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Confitebor tibi*

Mode I

I WILL GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE, O Lord, with my whole heart. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. O quicken thou me, according unto thy word, O Lord.



Motet (*choir*)

Antonio Caldara (d. 1736)

MISERERE MEI, DOMINE, quoniam infirmus sum. Sana me, Domine, quoniam conturbata sunt ossa mea.

[Have mercy on me, O Lord for I am weak. Heal me, O Lord, for my bones are vexed.]

Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

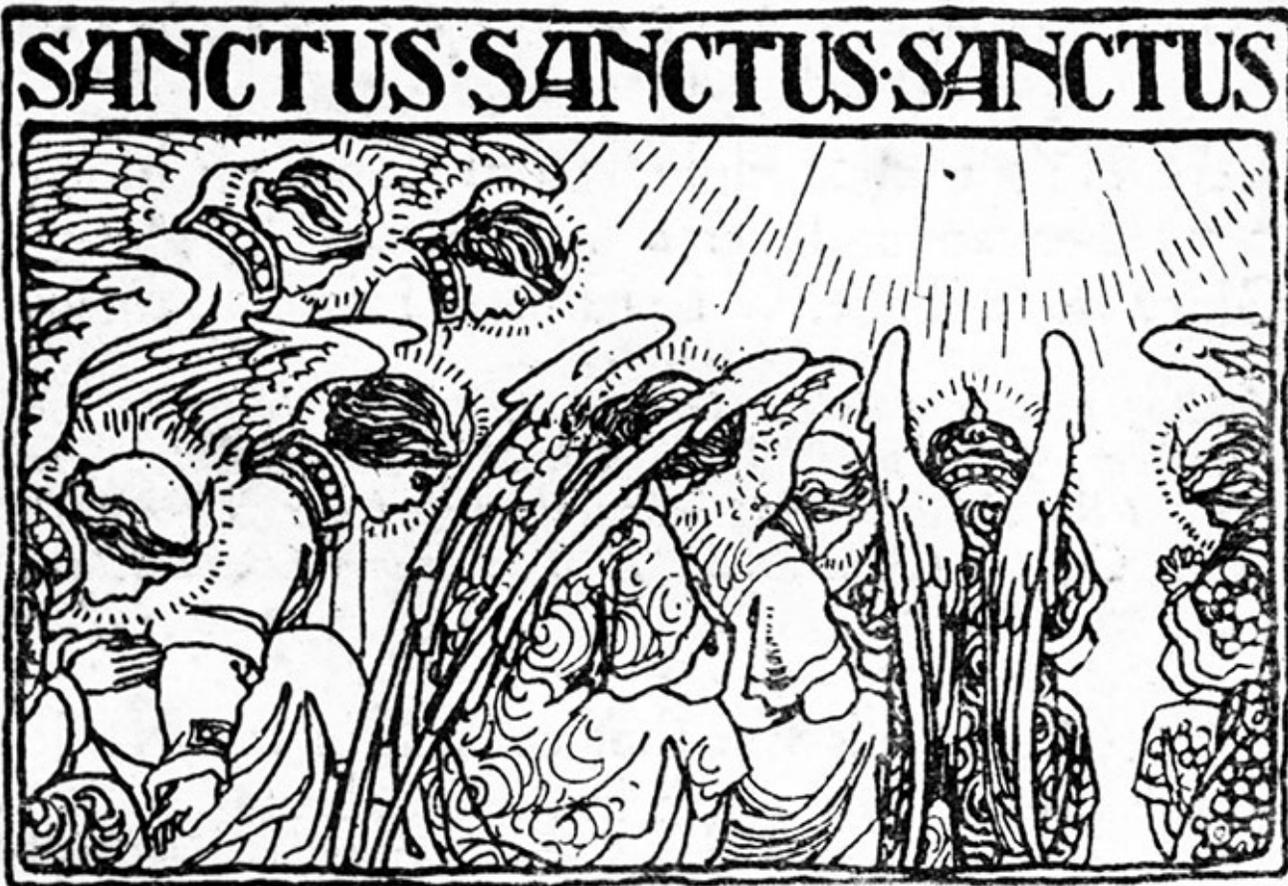
THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over ever evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*choir*)

L. Sowerby

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. **H**Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!



ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
A mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our
redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect,
and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and
did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of
that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is
shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly
beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make
here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed
passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering
unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the
same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty
goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy
gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our
Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be
partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and
death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole
Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be
a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all
others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most
precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any
sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing
our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be
B unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

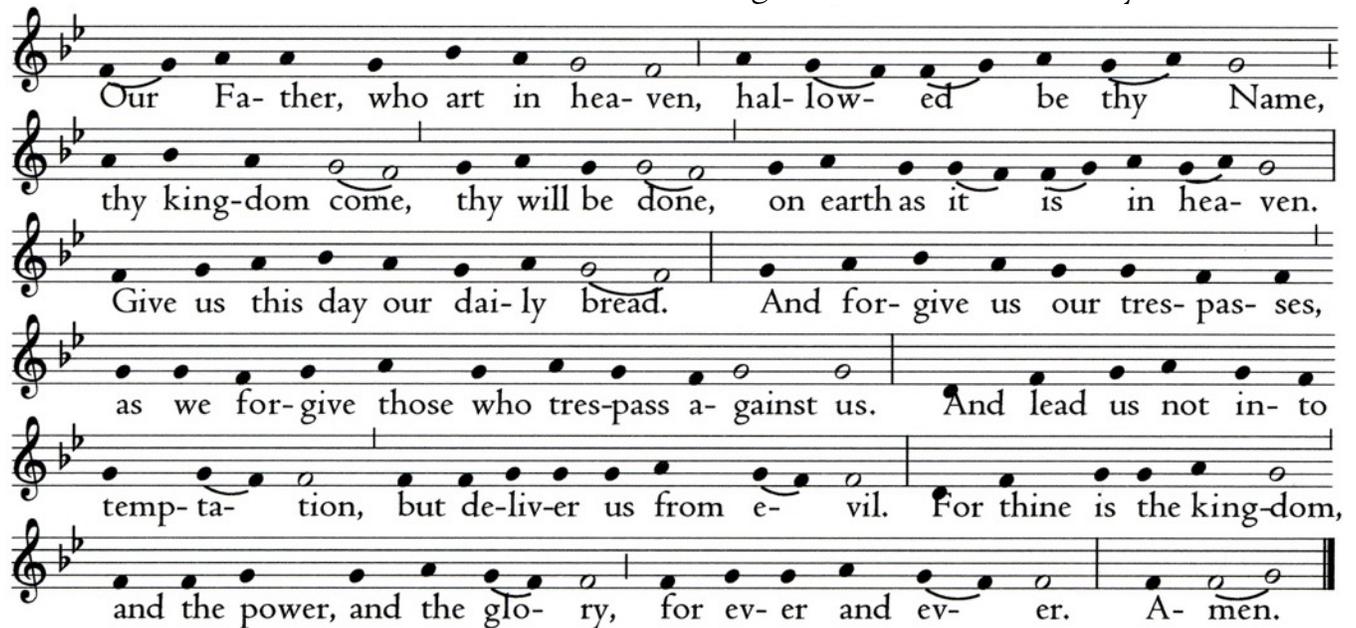
People

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A- men.



The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pas-a-against us. And lead us not in-to
temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-fic'd for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (*choir*)

L. Sowerby

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: 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.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Proper (*choir*) *Videns Dominus*

Mode I

WHEN THE LORD SAW the sister of Lazarus weeping at the tomb, he wept before the Jews, and cried out: "Lazarus, come forth." And he came forth bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, who for four days had been dead.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Lenten Blessing

MAY God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. *Amen.*

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: *People:*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel

St. John I:I-I4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: ✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word

(*Here genuflect*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

AVE REGINA CAELORUM, Ave Domina Angelorum. Salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa. Vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

[Hail, O Queen of heaven, Hail, O Lady of Angels. Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate, from whom unto the world a light has risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others. Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.]



THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: Be it unto me according to thy word.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(Here genuflect) Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

(Here rise) People: And dwelt among us.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Voluntary: *Herzlich thut mich verlangen*

Johannes Brahms (d. 1897)



Come and Celebrate
The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord
to the Blessed Virgin Mary

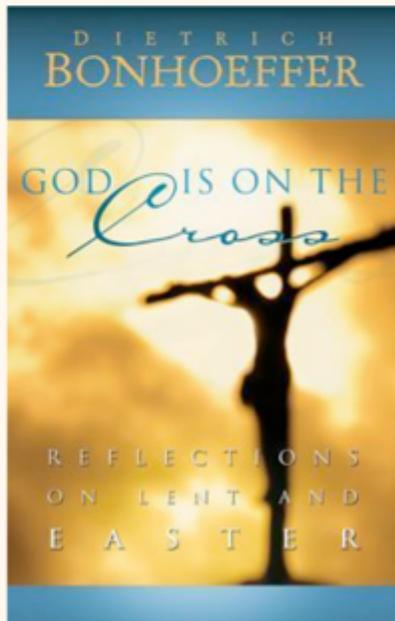


Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
Solenn High Mass at 5:00 PM

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Join us for a Lenten program, continuing our exploration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's work:



For each session we will gather for discussion at 5PM, and at 6 we will transition to the church for Stations of the Cross and the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



February 20, 5PM
February 27, 5PM
March 6, 5PM

March 13, 5PM
March 20, 5PM
March 27, 5PM

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GRACE

CALENDAR OF MASSES AND ACTIVITIES



Palm Sunday, March 29 ~ Sunday of the Passion

Distribution of palms and Reading of the PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW at both services

8:00 AM: LOW MASS

10:30 AM: Gather on the Grace Street porch

Blessing of the palms and procession (weather permitting)

SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

5:00 PM: OFFICE OF TENEBRAE presented by *Haven Religious*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:00 PM: SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

Stripping of the Altar and Night Watch in the Chapel of Repose follow

(Please sign up for your half-hour or more of devotion)

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 NOON: GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY, VENERATION OF THE CROSS,
& MASS OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED (*also on YouTube*)

1:30-2:30 PM: Confession (Reconciliation of a Penitent) available
(Please make an appointment for confession with Rev. Rowena or Mtr. Marta)

5:00 PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*also on YouTube*)

Saturday in Holy Week, April 4

10:00 AM: PROPER LITURGY FOR HOLY SATURDAY (*also on YouTube*)

EASTER EVE

4:00 PM: THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL AND THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER
(also on YouTube)

Gathering in Nason Hall following Mass ~ Potluck deserts hors d'oeuvres and sweets

EASTER DAY, Sunday, April 5

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 AM: LOW MASS WITH HYMNS

10:30 AM: PROCESSION and SOLEMN HIGH MASS (*also on YouTube*)

with music for organ, strings, and choir

featuring Mozart's *Missa brevis in D minor, K. 65, and Regina Coeli, K. 321*

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invite you to join us for

TENEBRAE ~ A LITURGY OF SHADOWS

All are welcome

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

GRACE NOTES

Sunday, March 22 *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. While she is away on medical leave, please don't hesitate to contact our Curate, The Rev. Marta Rivera Monclova (203-493-1066; marta@havenreligious.org) if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury designate*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Jeffrey and Laura, *Bishops of ECCT*; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; and members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Donations & Bequests. *The Anglican Church of Korea.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East between the US, Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in Nigeria, Sudan, the Congo and Somalia; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Claudette Fisher Holmes (Thu.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Rowena; Nihal; Sid; Ken T; Walter & Claudia; Stephen & Ratana; Peter; Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Lucy; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Tom; Kristen & Quintin; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Willie Anthony Waters, The Rev. Pam Strobel, The Rev. Jane Stickney, and all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Sharen Baker, Tom Gilchrist, Valerie Watts, Helen Hryb, Harry Thomas Jarrett, Jane Sturges Staffeld, Edward J. Klemonski, Frederick Nason, +Priest & Rector, Nelson Chowenhill, +Priest & Rector, Joseph Orlando, +Priest, Lena Michaud, Karl Jaeger, Helen Phillips, and Mardiros Der Sarkissian, Alice Sarkesian & Robert Perron, in whose memories the sanctuary candle is given (*by Kenneth T. and Adrienne Brown*).

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 22 *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on YouTube*)

Tuesday, March 24 *Lenten Feria*

Wednesday, March 25 *THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD*

5:00 p.m.: SOLEMN HIGH MASS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (*also on YouTube*)

7:00 p.m.: **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, March 26 *Lenten Feria*

9:15 to 11:30 a.m.: “*A Place of Grace*” food pantry distribution

Friday, March 27 *Lenten Feria*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

5:00 p.m.: **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** ~ Bonhoeffer’s *God Is On the Cross*

5:45 p.m.: **LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATION** (*also on YouTube*)

6:00 p.m.: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (*also on YouTube*)

Sunday, March 29 *The Sunday of the Passion ~ PALM SUNDAY*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on YouTube*)



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† LENTEN PROGRAMS 2026 †

FRIDAYS IN LENT, concluding March 27th

5:00 P.M. Please join us for our Lenten discussions ~ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer's ~**

GOD IS ON THE CROSS ~ REFLECTIONS ON LENT AND EASTER

5:45 P.M. **LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATION** (*also on YouTube*)

6:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION** (*also on YouTube*)



It’s LENT, and you wish to have a loved-one memorialized. What can you do?

Please consider purchasing a memorial Sanctuary Candle, in lieu of flowers.

The suggested price is \$10.

This is a year-round option, but particularly useful during LENT.