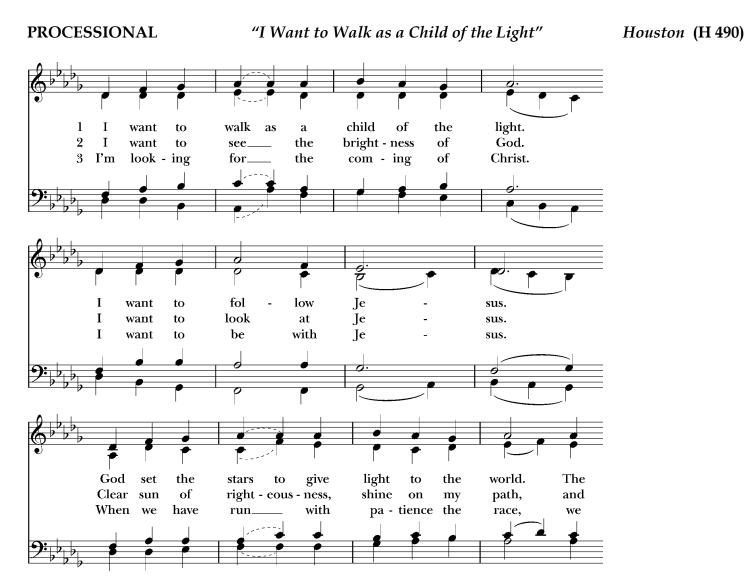


St. David's Episcopal Church and School Ashburn, VA Fourth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024, 10:00am

PRELUDE





Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

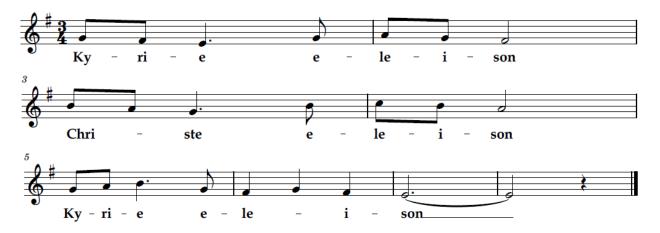
Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all

your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

KYRIE ELEISON

"Kyrie" from the Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the Lord. "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the Lord: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the Lord; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

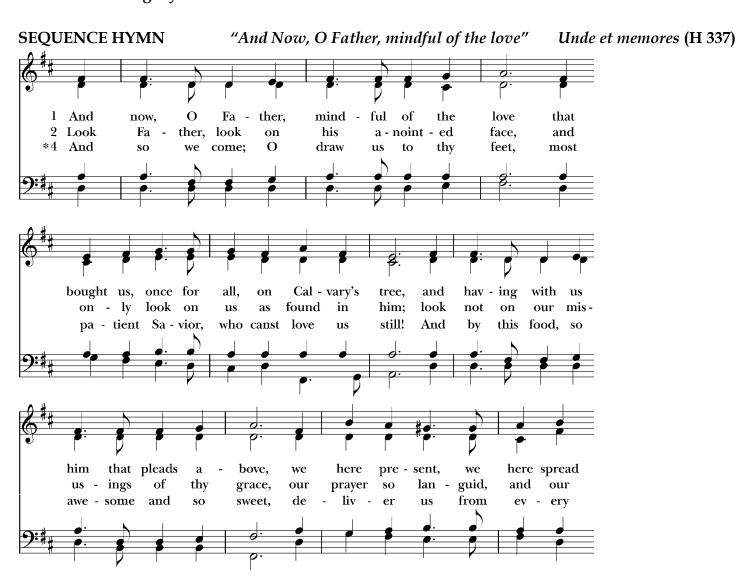
Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God.

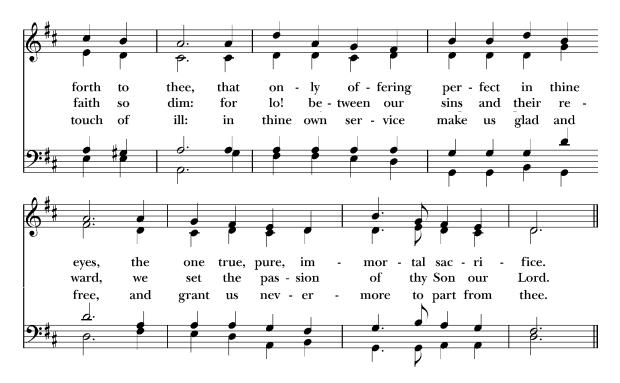
PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? * By keeping to your words.

- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.
- ¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.
- ¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; * instruct me in your statutes.
- ¹³ With my lips I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.
- ¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.





SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

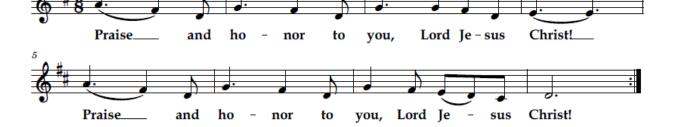
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "'Gospel Acclamation' from Mass of a Peaceful Spirit"

LaRosa



THE GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maureen Carey

The congregation remains seated while the children return to their seats.

SEASHELLS "This is the Day" Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day!
This is the day that the Lord has made

THE SERMON Fr. Winston Welty

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The celebrant and people respond to each prayer as the members of the parish lead the prayers from their pews.

Celebrant: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,

Holy God, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Celebrant: Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your

love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your

embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seashells

Children are invited to place their seashells over their heart, sharing silently with God any mistakes or concerns from this week. The children are then invited up to the altar steps to place their seashells in the bucket. The water is poured over the seashells as a symbolic reminder and learning opportunity that God always forgives us and we are always forgiven and renewed.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

At this time, the children celebrating their First Communion are invited up to the altar where they can closely witness the words used to bless the bread and wine.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

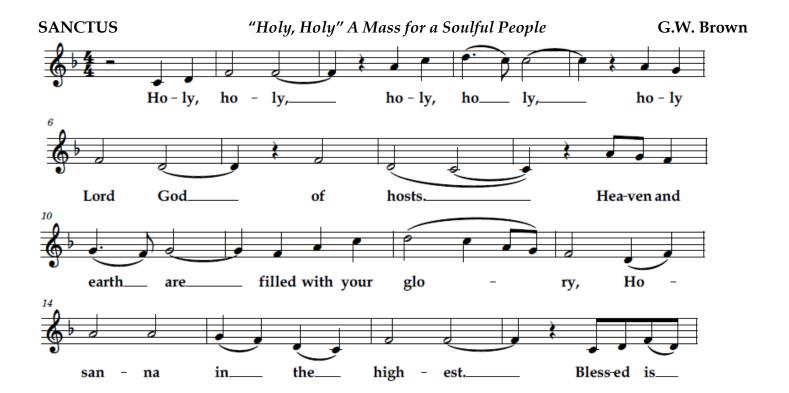
People: We lift them to the Lord.

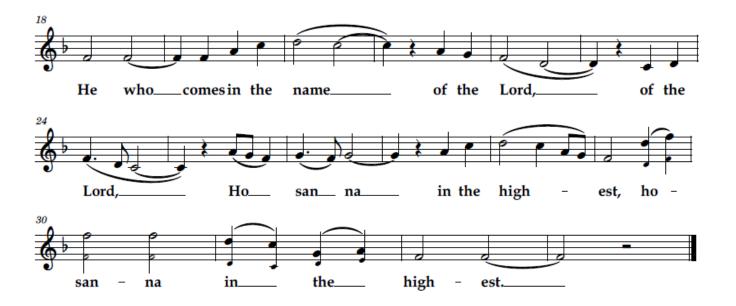
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. David, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

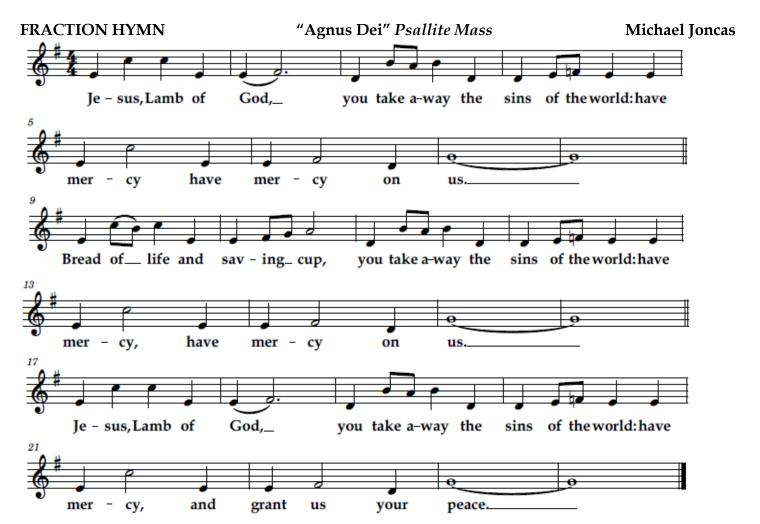
Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ hath taught us, we now pray,
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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

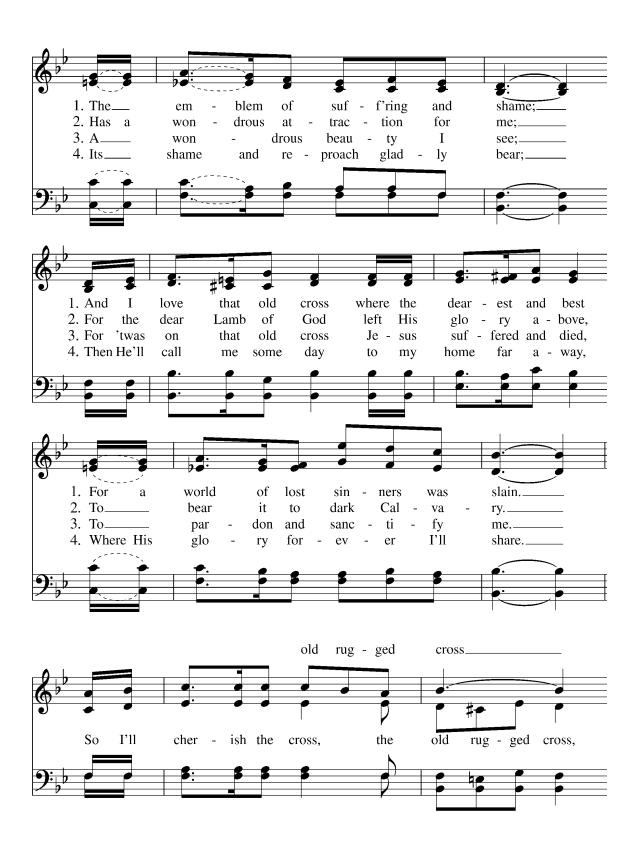
Jesus invites the whole world to be in a relationship with him. All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to our Lord's Table where bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

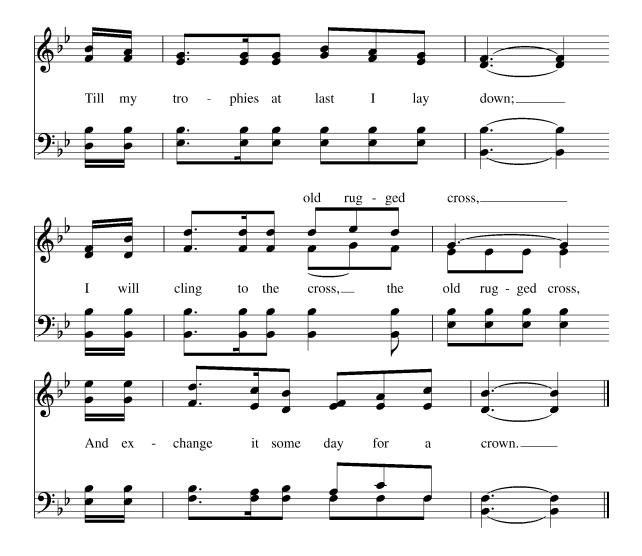
Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the ushers.

Due to public health concerns, if you prefer to dip your wafer in the chalice, please have the chalice bearer or celebrant do it for you.

A healing minister will be near the entrance to provide healing prayers for anyone who would like a prayer for themselves or someone else during the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.







POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

"Dance in the Graveyards"

Delta Rae

When I die, I don't wanna rest in peace
I wanna dance in joy
I wanna dance in the graveyards, the graveyards
And while I'm alive, I don't wanna be alone
Mourning the ones who came before
I wanna dance with them some more
Let's dance in the graveyards

Gloria, like some other name we kept on callin' ya And waiting for change But I belong to all of your mysteries

And all of us were meant for the fire, but we keep on risin' up And walking the wires When we go below, don't lose us in mourning

'Cause when I die, I don't wanna rest in peace
I wanna dance in joy
I wanna dance in the graveyards, the graveyards
And while I'm alive, I don't wanna be alone
Mourning the ones who came before
I wanna dance with them some more
Let's dance in the graveyards
Whoa, let's dance in the graveyards
Whoa!

Oh my love, don't cry when I'm gone I will lift you up, the air in your lungs And when you reach for me, we'll dance in the darkness

And we will walk beyond, our daughters and sons They will carry on like when we were young We will stand beside and breathe in their new life

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.