



St. Paul's

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026 · 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Hymn in Procession #690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Acclamation

All stand as you are able

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

The Celebrant says

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.
**Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

John Merbecke

Celebrant and People

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

YOU MAY READ ALONG WITH THE LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGES 226-227.

In our first lesson the Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel.

After the reading, the Reader says:

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Choir introduces the Refrain, and all repeat.

The Congregation then sings the refrain with the Choir where noted.



- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. **Refrain**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over. **Refrain**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

YOU MAY READ ALONG WITH THE LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGES 951-952.

In our second lesson disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness.

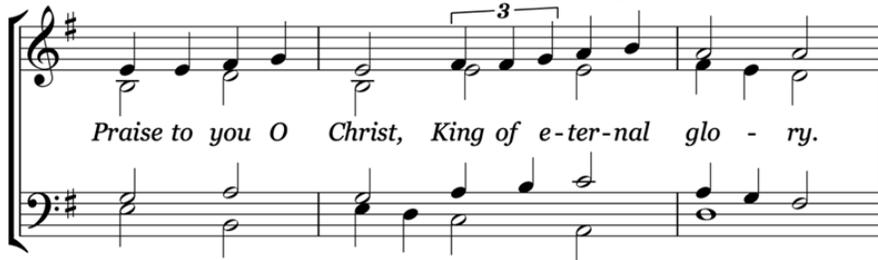
After the reading, the Reader says:

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

Gospel Acclamation

All remain standing for the Gospel.

The choir sings a gospel acclamation, and the congregation repeats it.



A cantor sings the appointed tract from Scripture:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (Jn 8:12)

All sing the gospel acclamation.

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

YOU MAY READ ALONG WITH THE LESSON IN THE RED PEW BIBLE ON PAGES 871-872.

Our gospel lesson is the story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev'd Robin Finch

The sermon is followed by a time of silent reflection.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as you are able. The Celebrant and People say together.

**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 says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Intercessor continues

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Gretchen, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Bob, our governor, and all legislators, judges, and all in public service, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Jeremy, Joel, Sabrina, Bonnie, Suzanne, Rich, Tracey, Chad, Lexus, Craig, Mark, Stella, Bran, Barbara, Cooper, Lyle, Doug, Terry, Evelyne, Lisa, Ann, Kathy, Krista, John, Cindylee, Joel, Steve, Ellane, Laurence, Larry, Carol, Marsha, Nadine, ... and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with whom we share in Christ's ministry in our diocese, and around the world. We pray especially for the Anglican Communion, and especially for the Anglican Church of Kenya. We pray for the Diocese of Spokane, and especially for the stewardship of our finances, that our giving may bless the world.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially...] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul, our patron, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Thank you for your support of St. Paul's.

Thank you for your generous support of God's work at St. Paul's. At each worship service, an offering of money is received as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. We invite you to give generously by scanning the code at right, by visiting give.stpaulsww.org, or by texting STPAULSWW to 73256. Together our gifts make the work of Jesus Christ in this community possible. Thank you for your generosity.



The Celebrant concludes:

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



The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

John Merbecke

Celebrant and People

A musical score for the Fraction Anthem 'Agnus Dei' by John Merbecke. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Celebrant, and the last four staves are for the People. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace."

Prayer of Humble Access

The people join in saying

**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 Holy Communion

The Celebrant says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the sacrament in both kinds, and then deliver it to the people.

All are invited to come to God's table.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion, may cross their arms over their chests to receive a blessing.

*If you would like to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the liturgy;
it would be our joy to walk with you as you enter into life in the body of Christ.*

*Following the invitation the congregation may be seated and then come forward at the direction of the ushers.
All wafers used for Holy Communion are gluten free.*

Communion Hymn #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

Post Communion Prayer

All stand as you are able.

**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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday; Anniversary; Milestone Prayer

Any worshipper with a birthday, anniversary, or milestone to mark is invited to come forward at this time.

Offerings are accepted to benefit outreach ministries at St. Paul's, however, no offering is necessary to come forward for prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor on your servants in the journey of *their* lives. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

During Lent, in place of the regular blessing, a solemn prayer over the people is used.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thee have nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn in Procession #490 I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

Postlude

We warmly welcome you to join us for refreshments in Campbell Hall following our service, and, if you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to get to know you!

We believe Jesus when he says that by his life, death, and resurrection, "I will draw all people to myself." Following his example, St. Paul's warmly invites all people - of all ages, races, means, politics, sexual orientations, and gender identities - to grow as Jesus' disciples together with us and fully participate in our church's sacramental life.

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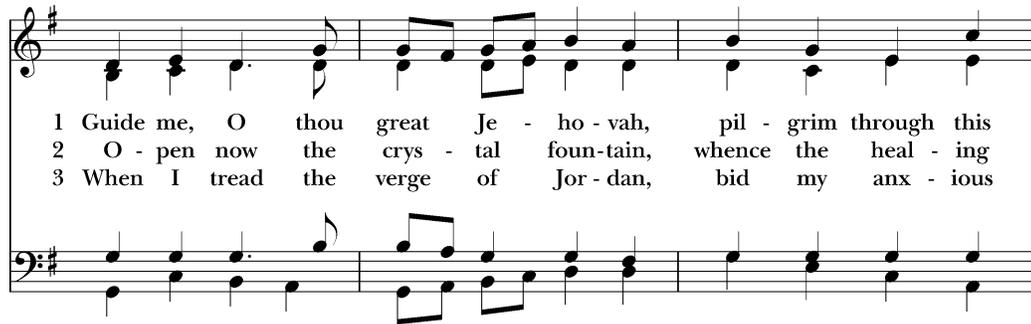
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Cwm Rhondda



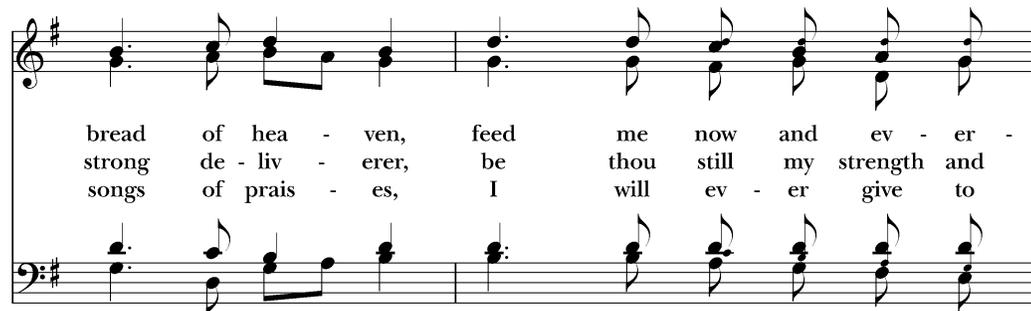
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Hymn #141 Wilt thou forgive that sin

So giebst du nun

1 Wilt thou for-give that sin, where I be - gun,
2 Wilt thou for-give that sin, by which I won
3 I have a sin of fear that when I've spun

which is my sin, though it were done be - fore?
o - thers to sin, and made my sin their door?
my last thread, I shall per - ish on the shore;

Wilt thou for-give those sins through which I run,
Wilt thou for-give that sin which I did shun
swear by thy-self, that at my death thy Son

and do run still, though still I do de-plore?
a year or two, but wal - lowed in a score?
shall shine as he shines now, and here - to - fore.

When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
And hav - ing done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.

Offertory Hymn #645 The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Communion Hymn #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Hymn in Procession #490 I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look-at Je-sus.
I want to be-with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

rit.

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.