

March 14, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



St. David's Episcopal Church
...reaching out to warmly welcome all.

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Opening Hymn #691

“My faith looks up to thee”

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People *His mercy endures forever.*

The Collect of the Day

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

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

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.

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

Sequence Song: **“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”** **Newton, Tomlin, & Giglio**

(VERSE 1)
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I’m found,
Was blind but now I see.

(VERSE 2)
‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

(CHORUS)
My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.

(VERSE 3)
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

(CHORUS – 2X)
(VERSE 4)
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

People 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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kris Opat

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Prayer List

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for... Any affected, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19, Barb, Jen and Lana, Mark, Julie, Harper, & Trent, Allison, Sherry, Ernie, Eileen, Judy, Nancy, Don, Lindsey, Kelly, Jason, Joan, all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States, for all who fight in the conflicts of the world and for the day when war will finally cease. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James Episcopal Church in Penn Hills. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile. We also pray for our siblings of Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church and those of The ACNA Parish of Christ the Redeemer South Hills.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.*

The Holy Communion

Presentation hymn: The Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: *3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

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:

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

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.

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. *Amen.*

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer for Those Unable to Receive

Lord we believe that you are present in this most Holy Sacrament. Though I cannot receive the sacrament at this time, we know that your grace and love are always present and we receive your Holy Spirit into our hearts. Remind us of your presence and keep us until we are able to gather to receive again. Amen.

Communion Hymn #439

“What wondrous love is this”

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Communion will be available after worship from 11-11:30am. Rev. Kris will be available to distribute communion under the portico for any who joined for worship virtually and wish to receive. If you are running late and want to come, please text Fr. Kris and let him know you're on your way (412-780-6212).

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) leadership is launching a diocese-wide survey to get the temperature of each parish on the topic of racial justice, healing and reconciliation. All are encouraged to take this 9-question survey found here: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/share-awareness-of-the-bci/> by March 15th.

Outdoor Easter Service - If you're interested in attending an outdoor service on Easter morning (weather permitting), please email us in the office (stdavidspeterstp@gmail.com) or fill out the google form in the weekly email.

Palm Sunday - Palms will be blessed ahead of Palm Sunday and we will be offering a few pickup times the week prior. A few of us will be gathering on Saturday, March 20th at 11am to fold palms into crosses. If you'd like to help with this please email the office. Crosses and additional palms will be available for distribution immediately following the service during communion distribution.

Easter Flowers - While in-person service will be smaller this year, we will still have some flowers to adorn the alter for Easter. If interested in contributing in memory of or in thanksgiving of someone, please fill out the google form that will be sent out via email.

Save the Date: VBS will be the first week of August (Aug 3-6). We will absolutely need volunteers so if that date works for your family, please reach out to Caylin Charrie (caylinroach@yahoo.com or 724-777-4791).

Summer Camp will begin June 8 and run through July 29th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9-1. The cost is \$35/day and you can sign up for as many or few days as you like. Registration begins March 15th. If interested in being added to the mailing list for the registration link or if you have questions please email Beth at the preschool (stdavidspreschool@gmail.com).