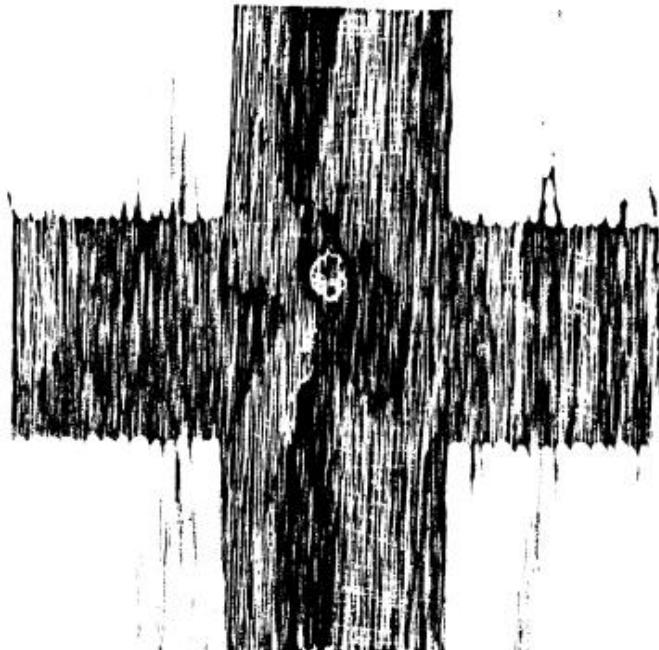




The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022 | 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector
Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ LENT +

GATHERING

Pages preceded by "BCP" may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews.

* = Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☩ = a customary time to "cross" oneself

PRELUDE

In Thee have I hoped, O Lord

Heinrich Scheidemann

* ENTRANCE HYMN

The glory of these forty days

Hymnal 143

* A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is one. 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."

Mark 12:29-31

THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

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.

Priest 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.**

* **TRISAGION** (*Choir will sing through once; all join in for the second and third repetitions.*)

WORD

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 3:1-15

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside

to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8 (*The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon where indicated.*)



O God, you are my God; ea - ger - ly I seek you

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1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. (*Antiphon*)

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name. (*Antiphon*)

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. (*Antiphon*)

7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (*Antiphon*)

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

* SEQUENCE HYMN

Forty days and forty nights

Hymnal 150

*** THE GOSPEL**

Luke 13:1-9

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ♫♫♫**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them -- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

SERMON

Caroline Day, Seminarian

*** THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

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

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

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

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor In this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others. Let us offer our prayers for the world God so loves.

We pray for the world. We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia and for all who live in places of danger wrought by humankind. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for your creation. May we turn from waste and desecration and care for your abundance with integrity and wonder. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for the church, for Brian our bishop, for April our priest, for Caroline, Sarah and Sean our Seminarians, and for all who are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. May we drink deeply from living springs, and travel the desert in trust and hope. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessory We pray for this nation, and for all who seek to lead it. May we seek healing from our racism and lust for power, and embrace wisdom and understanding. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for this community. May we repent of the ways we deny your goodness in the world and in our lives, and open ourselves to blessing as we live these holy days of Lent. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for all who suffer. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may we know your healing grace. We pray especially for Jamie, Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, Lee, David, Valorie, Wilma, Patricia, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Andrea, Amy, Deborah, Rebecca, Libby, Jean, Barbara, and Ann;

We pray for Emily, who is with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died. May they ever grow in faith and love, and live together in the joy of your eternal reign. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Celebrant God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** THE PEACE**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

*** OFFERTORY**

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrook

Herbert Howells

Like as a hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

 My soul is a-thirst for God; yea, even for the living God.

 When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
 “Where is now thy God?”

 My tears have been my meat day and night.

Like as a hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

 My soul is a-thirst for God; yea, even for the living God.

 When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

* THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We gather at your table, Lord: we humbly lift our hearts to you!
Here all are welcomed, all restored, and all are given work to do.

God, pour your Spirit on us all, and on these gifts that we receive;
For in Christ's presence, we recall his life and death, and so believe.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(From Enriching Our Worship 1, 1998)

(EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1)

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



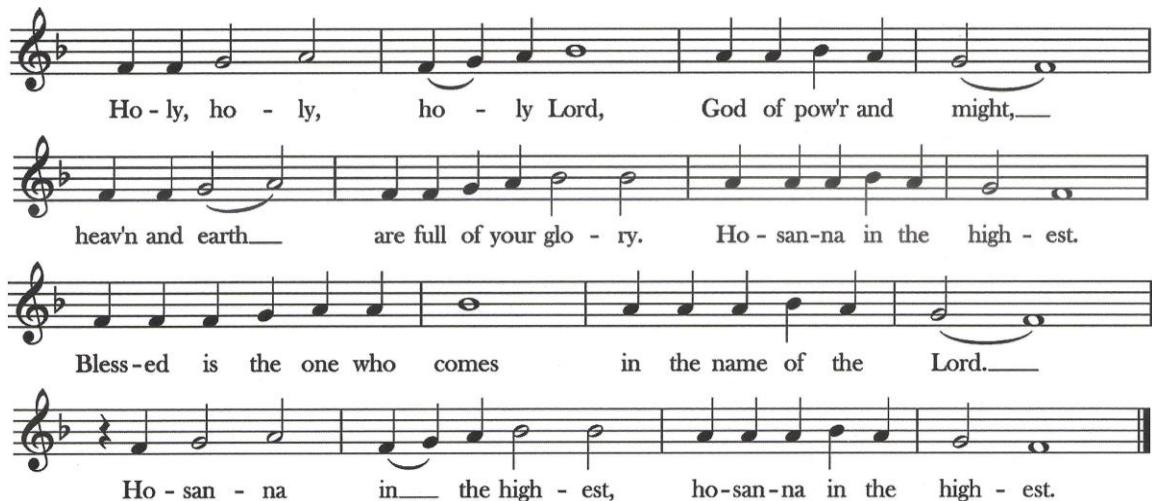
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy;

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*** SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___
heav'n and earth___ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in___ the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

(The Celebrant continues)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People)



Christ has died. — Christ — is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain. —

(Celebrant)

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may this be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [] and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



A — men, — a — men.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres - pass-es, as we for-give those who tres -

broaden
pass a - gainst us, and lead us not in - to temp - ta tion,

but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

1.2.

3.

world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward to the altar. You may stand or kneel. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lenten Prose
What wondrous love is this
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

John Scott
Hymnal 439
Hymnal 343

SENDING**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE ****** HYMN IN PROCESSION**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

*** THE DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D Minor

Heinrich Scheidemann

Preacher	Caroline Day, Seminarian
Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Lectors	Dick McGee
Intercessor	Celeste Humphrey
Crucifer	Stephen Jones
Lead Usher	Randy Durham
Director of Music/Choirmaster	David Long
Organist	Karla Fowkes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Lent the Sunday morning adult formation group will be working on *Life Transformed: The Way of Love* in Lent which is part of the *Becoming Beloved Community* program of the National Church. *The Way of Love* has seven themes: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Worship, and Go. We will be focusing on one of these during each of the seven Sundays of Lent. We hope you will be able to join us in the Barth Room at 9:30 a.m. for all or some of the sessions.

Inquirers' class/Episcopal 101 Sundays (in person) and Thursdays (via Zoom)

Class continues this morning at 9:30am in the Merritt Room and on Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 18; come explore church tradition, history and our place in the Episcopal faith with Lay Catechist Laura Bertrand, Rev. April and our seminarians. This class will meet both on Sunday mornings (in person) and on Thursday evenings (via Zoom). **Participants should plan to attend one meeting per week, not both** (you can mix and match, too – Zoom one week and come in person another). While registration is not required, we would love to know you're coming! Please contact Laura Bertrand for more information (laura@laurabertrand.com).

The Chattanooga Flute Choir, directed by Grace parishioner Nora Kile, will present a concert of Celtic music this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (822 Belvoir Avenue). Two other Grace musicians, Emily Dungey and Tom Lifsey, are part of the choir as well. **There is no charge for admission.**

Learn to Create Ukrainian Easter Eggs (Pysanky) – This Ukrainian egg-decorating art traces its origins from efforts to please nature gods, call forth springtime, assure fertility and protect homes; it morphed over time to a symbol of Christianity. The Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk (Rev. April's uncle by way of a couple of marriages) will be offering an online class on how to make Pysanky on **Saturday, March 26 from 9:30am-12:30pm**. In each class Jim will teach some of the basic techniques in egg decorating and share some of the ancient legends surrounding the art. Those who wish to attend either class and learn this sacred art form must purchase the necessary materials ahead of time and have them ready by class time for the class you intend to attend. Materials needed are listed below. **Please email Jim at jsmelnykny28@gmail.com if you would like to sign up (or have questions).** A Zoom link will be provided closer to the March 26 class. Special kits are needed for this workshop, and dyes must be mixed ahead of time. The easiest way to find your materials is to order a kit from The Ukrainian Gift Shop in Roseville, MN. This link will get you to the page to order kits: <https://www.ukrainiangiftshop.com/EGG-DECORATING-KITS/products/25/>. For the serious student I would recommend KITSD for \$32.98. For the less serious minded, KIT2D for \$14.98 will do the job (but if you find you really enjoy this art you'll want to expand your supplies). Other materials are also needed; for the full list, see Grace Notes Weekly, which is available on the website if you do not get it via e-mail.

Grace will host Family Promise again in June, specific dates TBA. If you volunteer with this program or would like to volunteers, make a note and watch for details here and in Grace Notes Weekly as details become available. Contact Skeeter Makepeace if you'd like to find out more about the programs and aid that volunteers provide.

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Material for Sunday's bulletins should be sent to the office no later than the previous Wednesday.

Donations may be made through the text-number and QR code below:

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