

Emmanuel Church

NewPORT, RHODE ISLAND We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community. The First Sunday in Lent



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February 18, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Contemplation on "Tallis' Canon"

Richard Purvis

the people stand to sing HYMN 388

O worship the King, all glorious above

A PENITENTIAL ORDER Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. People His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE, kneeling as you are able

Priest Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not make for yourself any idol. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. Amen. Lord have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit murder. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit adultery. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not steal. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not be a false witness. Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

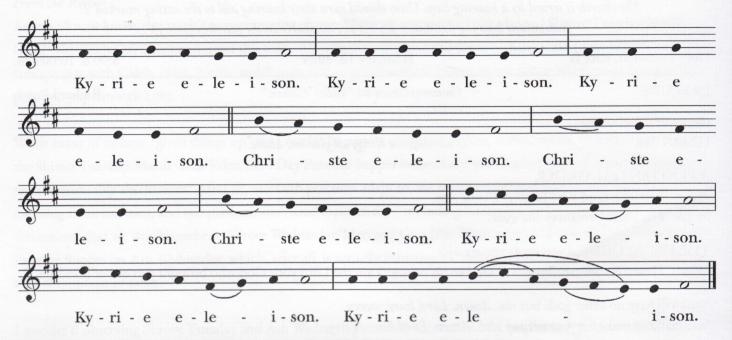
All, standing or kneeling as you prefer

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.

The Word of God

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON, 8:00 a.m. BCP p. 356, 10:00 a.m. S86



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PriestThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PriestLet us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, prayed aloud by all

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living

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creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." *God said to Noah*, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

PSALM 25:1-9, selected verses, please remain seated and sing with the choir



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1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in <u>you</u>; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph <u>over me</u>.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 - and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *

for they are from ever<u>lasting</u>.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing <u>right</u> *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

 Ω 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and <u>faithfulness</u>* to those who keep his covenant and his <u>testimonies</u>.

THE SECOND READING

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

the people stand and sing AT THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." -Mark 1:9-15

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, recited together, standing and facing East

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, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Della+, our rector, +Nicholas, our bishop, +Michael, our presiding bishop, ++Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for all bishops and other ministers and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for....

In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which the Lord has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for ... let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To you O Lord our God.*

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And also with you.

NOTICES

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

For the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP page 361)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

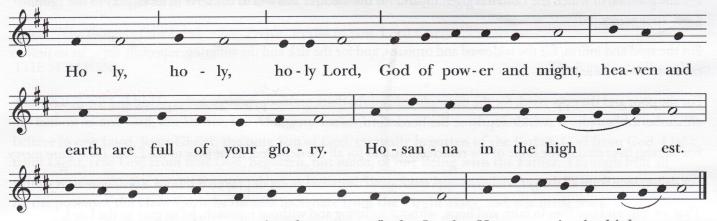
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him 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. ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, 8:00 a.m. spoken by all, 10:00 a.m. sung by all, S124



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Priest continuesHoly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself,concludingTherefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:Priest and PeopleChrist has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

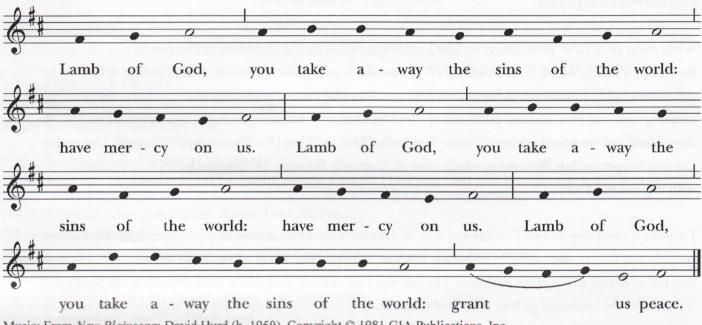


Tune: Tallis Canon

The Priest continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, ... *concluding*...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.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People* Therefore let us keep the feast.



FRACTION ANTHEM, Lamb of God, 8:00 a.m. spoken, 10:00 a.m. S161

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AT COMMUNION, Anthem Ave Verum Corpus

Edward Elgar

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer 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.

HYMN 488	O love, how deep, how broad, how high	
POSTLUDE	Prelude in E Minor	Johann Sebastian Bach

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Lay leadership in and after worship today ...

Ellen Vadney, Debbie Venancio, readors

readors Margaret Keiran, *intercessor* Nina Kaull, Jackie Breen, *ushers* Fay Gosling, Janet Nobis, *counters*

Bible Study follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Library. Choir Practice follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church. Lenten Wednesday Night Events, Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. through March 27 in the Library.

From the Rector

As you all now know, this week's snowy weather changed how we approached our planned Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day Pancake Supper this year. We were excited about our plans — King Cake (with baby!), pancakes, sausage, jazz with Caleb, Paige, Nellie, and Randy, and planting seeds to sprout in our sunny windows at home as we pray our way through Lent.

While many of us have "given things up" for Lent in the past — maybe chocolate, coffee, sweets, or wine — giving up the Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day Pancake Supper before Lent even started seemed at least premature, if not unseasonably abstemious. After all, our faith practices adapt to our environment and culture over time, gaining meaning from our own, and our predecessors', lived experience — including interventions by winter storms. We determined that we would celebrate Shrove Wednesday/Mercredi Gras (Fat Wednesday)/Valentine's Day with a Pancake Supper on Ash Wednesday, which, after all, is actually February 14, followed by the Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes.

I wonder if observing Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in closer succession may help us to hear the readings, and to consider our Lenten disciplines, in a new way this year. The prophet Isaiah tells us that God wants an action-packed fast, full of energy and positive initiative: The fast that God chooses, says Isaiah, is effort to loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free, offer food to the hungry, satisfy the needs of the afflicted, and break every chain that binds us — in ourselves and in the world around us.

And in our Ash Wednesday gospel, Jesus tells us how to fast — not by suffering and disfiguring our faces so that other people can see we've given up chocolate, coffee, sweets, or wine, but by focusing our attention on God, because God knows our best selves and will guide us if we pay attention, and remove any distractions from our environment.

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