



EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

March 10, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

J. S. Bach

the people stand to sing

HYMN 144

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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.

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

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

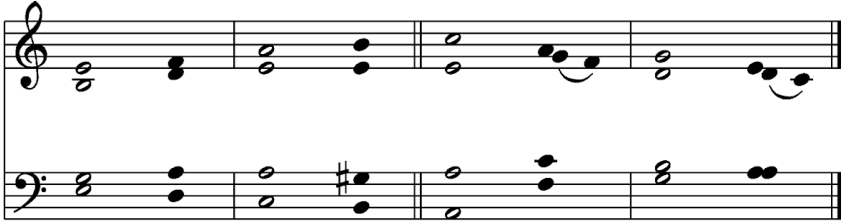
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. *-Numbers 21:4-9*

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

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**, *
and his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed **proclaim** *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the **foe**.
- Ω**3 He gathered them out of the **lands**; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the **south**.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious **ways**; *
they were afflicted because of their **sins**.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of **food** *
and drew near to death's **door**.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their **trouble**, *
and he delivered them from their **distress**.
- 20 He sent forth his word and **healed them** *
and saved them from the **grave**.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his **mercy** *
and the wonders he does for his **children**.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** *
and tell of his acts with shouts of **joy**.

THE SECOND READING

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.

-Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

the people stand and sing

AT THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 630 *Thanks to God whose Word was spoken*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People **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."
-John 3:14-21

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Andy Ross

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

adapted from *Piae Cantiones, 1582*
arranged by Stephen Casurella

For the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing

Tune: Tallis Canon



**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.**

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.

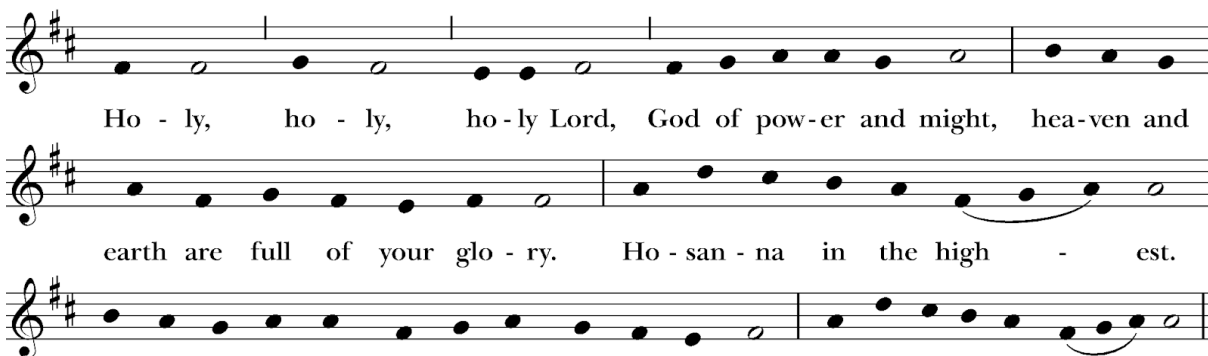
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

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The Priest continues Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself,
concluding Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Priest and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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AT COMMUNION 141 *Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun*
 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 149 *Eternal Lord of love*
 POSTLUDE *Prelude on Old 124th* Healey Willan

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Lay leadership in and after worship today...

Ed Gosling, Debbie Venancio, *readers* Margaret Keiran, *intercessor* Debbie DeAscentis, Valerie Martin, *ushers*
 Lyndsay Brown, *sound* Ellen Vadney, *cameras* Fay Gosling, Ellen Vadney, *counters*

Musicians' Circle

Suzanna Laramee, Danielly Muchiutti, Nancy Zitka, Nellie Horvath, Margaret Keiran,
Debbie Venancio, Caleb Dinger, David Thalmann, David Frazier,
Kevin Venancio, Della Wager Wells, Susan Barnes, Margery Cousens, Jane Dyer,
Paige Williams, Barbara Chapman, Ellen Vadney, Ryan Brown
Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*
Olivia Kirshy & Ethan Boucher, *Choral Scholars*

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 Nights, supper and program from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

From the Rector...

Sunday was a special day at Emmanuel, as we welcomed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Executive Director Heather Strout as our preacher. Emmanuel has long supported the work of the MLK Center through the hydroponics program, nonperishable food collection in the little red wagon (including the can of soup “admission ticket” to the Lenten program!), and direct financial gifts. These are essential ways we engage in our community, taking part in important conversations and knowing and helping our neighbors. As I mentioned Sunday, our “First Sunday of the Month” looseplate collection will be given to the MLK Center to support our shared work in the community, and you were generous with your gifts.

We also had encouraging news last week from our neighbors in the Diocese of Western Tanganyika (DWT), who are not close in proximity, but are near to our hearts. Our friend Bishop Emmanuel Bwatta, who visited Emmanuel Church in January 2020, wrote to share that the sewing program we supported with a gift from the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, along with a personal gift from Jere and me, is at work changing lives in Tanzania. I was especially happy that the first program was established in Nguruka, a fishing village near Lake Tanganyika with a very high Muslim population. Bishop Emmanuel and his predecessor, Bishop Sadock Makaya, have worked very hard to promote interfaith understanding and mutual respect in these villages where there has historically been interfaith conflict and violence.

I attended an ordination in Nguruka in the summer of 2016, and Bishop Sadock invited the ordinands’ Muslim friends to come sit on the chancel with us to support the new priests on the important occasion of their ordination. It was an incredibly moving service, and the singing and dancing afterward were spectacular. The intentional involvement of young Christian and Muslim women is an absolutely wonderful continuation of peacebuilding and service to the whole community.

You will easily see from +Emmanuel’s note that his first language is Swahili — but I could only dream of my Swahili being as competent as his English.