

The Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2025

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the Divine

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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OPENING VOLUNTARY


Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

INTROIT

Sung by the Choir.

Gregorian chant

 CULI mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de
laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei,
quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego.

*My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall
release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have
mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.*

V. Ad te Domine levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te
confido, non erubescam.

*V. Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I
trust in you, let me not be put to shame.*

Psalm 25:14-15, 1

HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God who gave the law;
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered from the li - ons' might;
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed,



for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
and to E - li - jah, fast - ting, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
and John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
our spi - rits strength - en with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
who art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.

Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

JESUS said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. 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 Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant pronounces the absolution

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir.

Missa in Illo Tempore

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

KYRIE eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, “Amen.”

The People are seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

(3:1–15)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-10

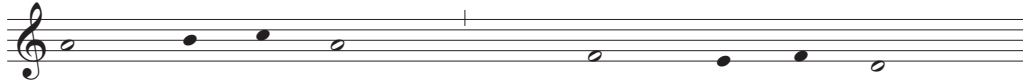
Sung by All.

Miserere mei, Deus

Antiphon (Sung by the Cantor, then All)



Verses



1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your **loving** kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out **my** offenses.
2. Wash me through and through **from** my wickedness *
and cleanse me **from** my sin.
3. For I know **my** transgressions, *
and my sin is **ever** before me.
4. Against you only **have** I sinned *
and done what is evil **in** your sight. *Antiphon*
5. And so you are justified **when** you speak *
and upright **in** your judgment.
6. Indeed, I have been wicked **from** my birth, *
a sinner from my **mother's** womb. *Antiphon*
7. For behold, you look for truth **deep** within me, *
and will make me understand **wisdom** secretly.
8. Purge me from my sin, and I **shall** be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be **clean** indeed.
9. Make me hear of **joy** and gladness, *
that the body you have broken **may** rejoice.
10. Hide your face **from** my sins *
and blot out all **my** iniquities. *Antiphon*

Chant: Kent Tritle (b. 1960)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by All, standing as able.

From *Kyrie Orbis Factor*,
adapted by David Hurd (b. 1950)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF LUKE

(13:1-9)

Preacher The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee

Vicar

A time of silence is observed after the sermon, then the Celebrant
leads the assembly in the Creed, standing as able.

THE NICENE CREED*Said by all.*

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 People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME

The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service, and calls them to prayer.



A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Out of the Deep
from *Requiem*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Arthur Fiacco, Jr., *cello*


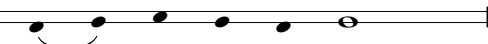




OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well:
the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him:
In his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord:
Before the morning watch
I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
And with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

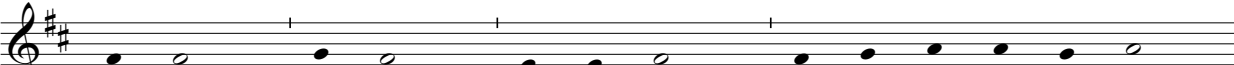
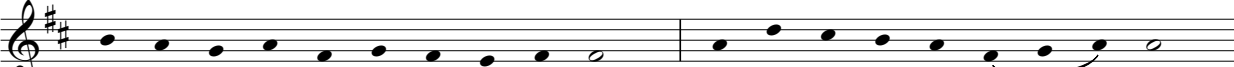

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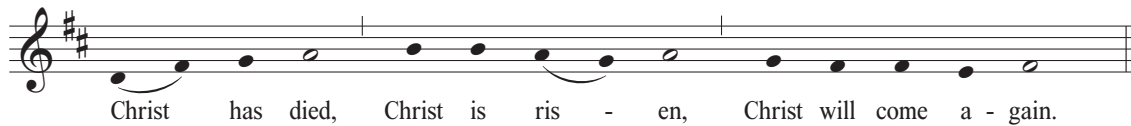
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p>	

The Celebrant prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.

 <p>Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,</p>
 <p>hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.</p>
 <p>Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.</p>



Music: David Hurd

THE LORD'S PRAYER

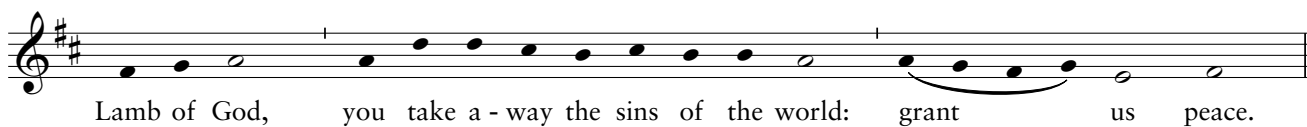
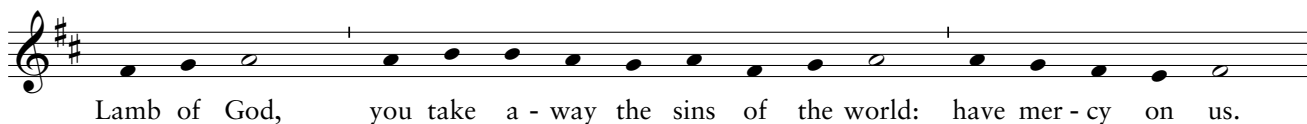
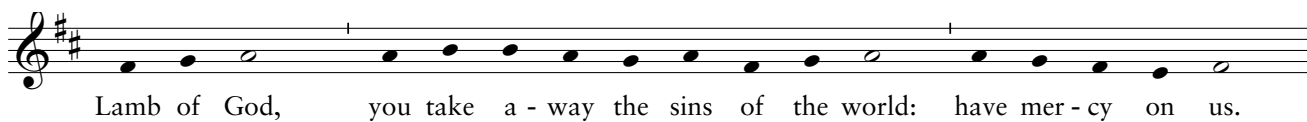
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung



Music: *Agnus Dei* from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Give us grace

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

GIVE us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray
 As to deserve, to be heard this and every day,
 To address thee with our hearts,
 As we sing this with our lips,
 Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray.

Thou art everywhere present,
 from thee no secrets can be hid,
 May the knowledge of this teach us
 To fix our thoughts on thee.
 With reverence and devotion
 that we pray not in vain
 Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray.

Give us a thankful sense
 Of the blessings in which we live,
 And of the many, many comforts of our lot.
 That we may not deserve to lose them
 By discontent or difference, this we pray.
 Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray.

Words from *On each return of the night* by Jane Austen (1775–1817)
 Versified and adapted by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740–1778), alt.
 Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

LETERNAL 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 SOLEMN PRAYER

The Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant then says

LOOK mercifully on this your family, Almighty God,
 that by your great goodness they may be governed and
 preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

”Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go” George Dyson (1883-1964)
 from *Variations on Old Psalm-Tunes*

TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH

4 PM

Choral Evensong

The Cathedral Choir sings works by Jessica French,
 George Dyson, and John Rutter.

5 PM

Organ Recital

Brenda Portman performs a free recital featuring works by
 herself, Rachel Laurin, and Iain Farrington.
