

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 10:30 am • March 10, 2024

THE VOLUNTARY: Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619
(*“Christ, Thou Son of God”*)

J. S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 690. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

KYRIE ELEISON

8:30 Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

10:30 S-91, Willan (see pew card)

THE WORD OF GOD

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 CHILDREN’S HOMILY

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: 107:1–3, 17–22

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *We will chant the psalm in unison. S-415*



- 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 pro- / claim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the / foe.
- 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 dis- / tress.

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 thanks- / giving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of / joy.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 438. What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14–21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Phillip Bass

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this holy season of Lent, let us offer our prayers to God, who leads us through the wilderness, saying, “God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.”

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, that in the season of repentance we may turn from our own shortcomings and be consumed by God's transforming grace. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer, our bishops, for all who minister in the name of Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church; St. Philip's, Durham; St. Stephen's, Durham; St. Titus', Durham. We also pray for The Beloved Community at The Trees.

God of Love and Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our nation and our leaders, that they may have the courage to guard the rights of those who are poor and powerless, and that we all may recognize the common bonds of humanity.

God of Love and Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, for the afflicted, and the oppressed, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ as he shares their wounds.

God of Love and Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation and for our common life together in this community, that we may continue, with discipline, to examine the difficult places in our community through the illumination of the light of Christ.

God of Love and Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our specific concerns and hopes that, in their naming, we may know and feel the spirit of the living God among us and within us. For all those we name now, silently or allowed. (*Names are read from the Nativity prayer list.*) For God's grace

which fills us, that we may surrender our bread of anxiety and receive with grace the bread of life. For all those expecting a child, especially Catherine and Patrick.

God of Love and Mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who have died—especially Neil Charles Sheehan—that they may rest completely and joyfully in God, even as they join this journey through the wilderness. For all those we name now, either silently or aloud. *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

God of Love and Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, by your word you marvelously carry out the work of reconciliation: Grant that in our Lenten fast we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

BCP 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: God so loved the world

John Goss

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

(see pew card)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

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SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 367

10:30 S-114, Willan (see pew card)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:30 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30 S-158, Willan (see pew card)

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

337. And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN: 455. O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY: Sortie

César Franck



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY FOR 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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NATIVITY PRAYER LIST

For the sick in our community: Alice, Alice, Barbara, Beth, Betty, Bill, Carl, Cheryl, Diane, Don, Jack, Jan, Jane, Jill, Joan, Judy, Karen, Maggie, Marion, Marshall, Maxine, Mike, Nancy, Sherry, Steve, Steve, Waltye

For our friends, family, and neighbors: Anna, Anthony, Beth, Buddy, Chase, Christine, Danielle, Destiny, Gemma, Gioia, Henry, Joe, John, JR, Kelvin, Laura-Benton, Licia, Mary, Michelle, Mike, Mike, Neil, Roy, Sara, Sylvia, Vivian, Wyllis

For those expecting a child: Catherine and Patrick

For those who have died: Michael Mesko, Suzanne King, David Cummings, Neil Charles Sheehan, Kate Gleich, Sylvia Jackson, Carey Sauls



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Stephanie Yancy
PREACHER	The Rev. Phillip Bass
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Ed Hughes (8:30) Anne Ramirez, Logan Lee (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) David Nason, Alicia Lester-Bodford (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
ACOLYTES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry, Raylan Neece
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeria, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Robin Rhaney
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Duff McAdams
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Dave McKinnon

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