

# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021

# Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Allegro Giuseppe Domenico Scarlatti,

**Prayer of Intention During Lent** 

(found in the Book of Occasional Services)

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give you glory. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate our use of this space in our homes to your praise and honor. As often as we worship you here, precede us and abide with us. Be known to us in your Word spoken and heard, in this manner of fellowship with one another, and in the breaking of the bread spiritually received. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that these spaces in our homes be places where your will is done and your name is glorified; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. *Amen* 

**Opening Hymn 493:** "O for a thousand tongues to sing," verses 1,3, and 5

Azmon

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

p. 357

S96 Kyrie (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Schubert

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

# The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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 First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

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.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Confitemini Domino

- 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.
- 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 Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord Response: *Thanks be to God*.

### The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

### The Nicene Creed

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, who with the Father and the Son 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

After the words "Lord, hear the prayers of our hearts," the congregation responds with "And grant us Your peace."

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Clergy:

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*.

### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

### Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Solo Anthem:** "Agnus Dei" (from Mass in B Minor)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

## **Blessing of the Offering**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I (from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Le us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### *The Celebrant proceeds:*

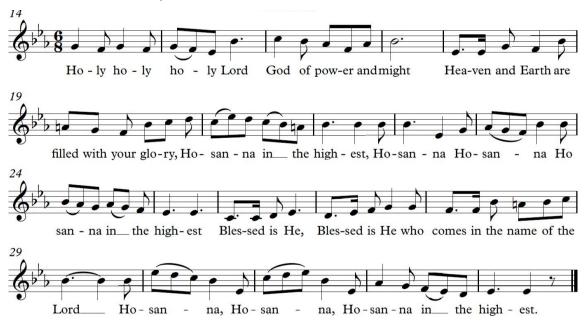
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

# Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



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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 in 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 risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they 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. *AMEN*.

### The Celebrant continues

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

### People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Given 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

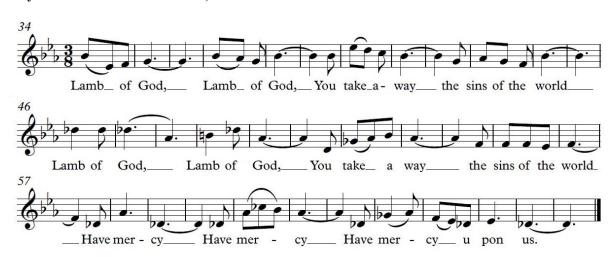
# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

### Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Faithful God,

in the wonder of your wisdom and love,

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels

and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

Though we cannot now consume

these gifts of bread and wine together,

we thank you that we have received Christ's presence,

the forgiveness of sins,

and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

may we embody your love,

be renewed for your service,

and be reflections of the risen Lord.

Amen.

### **Music during Communion**

**Solo Hymn 645:** "The King of Love my shepherd" (*found in* The Hymnal 1982)

St. Columba

### Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, thy rod and staff my comfort still, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: 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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Houston

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
  - Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesu

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. Refrain
- I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

### The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Deacon: People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Grand Chorus Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

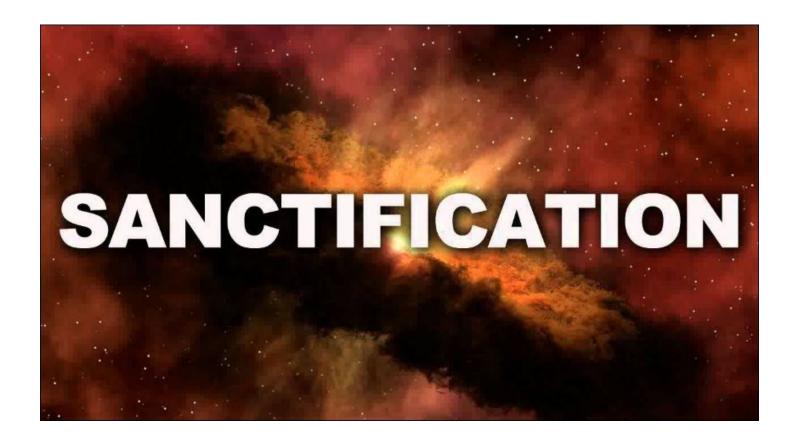
**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** 

**Readers:** Martha Shimkin, Linda Donahue, **Intercessor**: Rosi Urbine;

Musicians: Felicity Amos, Dr. Jane Tavernier;

Audio-Visual: John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley;

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons



Join us for a <u>Virtual Forum Hour</u> immediately after today's 10:30 a.m. online service via Zoom. Father Sam will lead a discission entitled **Sanctification**, a conversation explicitly about the effects of removing or pausing something harmful or negative from your life. What would it mean to turn away from items and practices that you believe cause you harm, and turn towards only those things that contribute to your sanctification, to your holiness, to furthering your relationship with the Love at the center of all being?

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