

# The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### INTROIT

*God so loved the world*

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*)

*The people stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 401

*The God of Abraham praise*

*Leoni*

### THE LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

### THE PENITENTIAL SENTENCES

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

### TRISAGION

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,  
have mer - cy up - on us.

*Silence is kept.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

### PSALM 121

plainsong

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
    from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
    the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved  
    and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
    shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The Lord himself watches over you;  
    the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
    it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
    from this time forth for evermore.

### THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

*The people stand.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 603

*When Christ was lifted from the earth*

*St. Botolph*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend June Osborne

*The people stand.*

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.

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

*After each intercession,*

Let us pray to the Lord,  
Lord, have mercy.

*The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

#### THE PEACE

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

#### THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.*

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*Ad te levavi*

Robert White (c. 1538-1574)

*Sung in Latin.* I have raised my eyes to you, who live in heaven. As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the maid are on the hands of her mistress, so are our eyes on the Lord our God until he has mercy on us. (*Psalms 123*)

*The people stand.*

#### HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 691

*My faith looks up to thee*

*Olivet*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

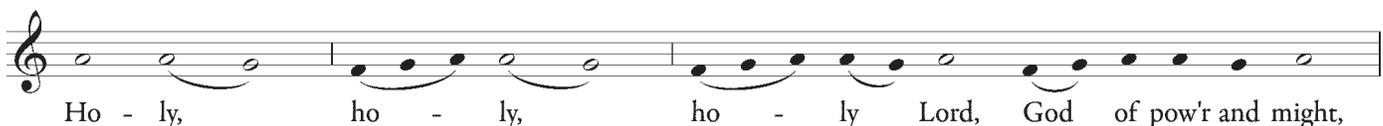
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The presider offers thanks for the works of God in creation; in response the people sing:*

#### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Mass 18*



heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The presider gives thanks to God for Christ's life, passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
 Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

**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.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Lamb of God*

*Mass 18*

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.

*The people are seated.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John's Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.*

## ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*Pecantum me quotidie*

Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

*Sung in Latin.* While I am sinning every day, and yet do not repent, the fear of death overwhelms me. For in hell there is no redemption. Have mercy on me, God, and save me. (*Matins Responsory for the Office of the Dead*)

*The people stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*The presider prays over the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN • 142

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*

*St. Flavian*

## THE DISMISSAL

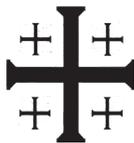
Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in D minor, BWV 538 ("The Dorian")*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



LENT AND EASTER  
2017

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday • April 9**

*Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms*

8:00 am - St. Mary's Chapel

9:00 am - Nave

11:15 am - Nave



**Maundy Thursday • April 13**

*Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing*

7:00 pm - Nave



**Good Friday • April 14**

*Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday*

12:00 pm - Nave

*Good Friday Evening Service*

7:00 pm - Nave



**Easter Eve • April 15**

*Great Vigil of Easter*

8 pm - Nave



**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday • April 16**

*Festive Holy Eucharist*

*(Passes Required)*

8:00 am - Nave

11:15 am - Nave

*Festive Choral Evensong*

4:00 pm - Nave

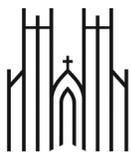
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**FLOWER GIFTS** In the mid-nave, the Lenten pedestals of branches are given in loving memory of Mary Ashley Scarborough. In accordance with the Cathedral practice of bare altars during the Lenten season, all Flower Endowments during Lent will be named in the leaflet and honored at Easter.

Gifts for Easter flowers may be sent to the Washington National Cathedral Altar Guild, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues NW, Washington, DC 20016. To be included in the Easter service leaflet, gifts must be received March 23.

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