

# The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### INTROIT

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. (*Lidley's Prayers, 1566*)

*The people stand.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 149

*Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

*Old 124th*

### THE LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

### THE PENITENTIAL SENTENCES

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8, 9*)

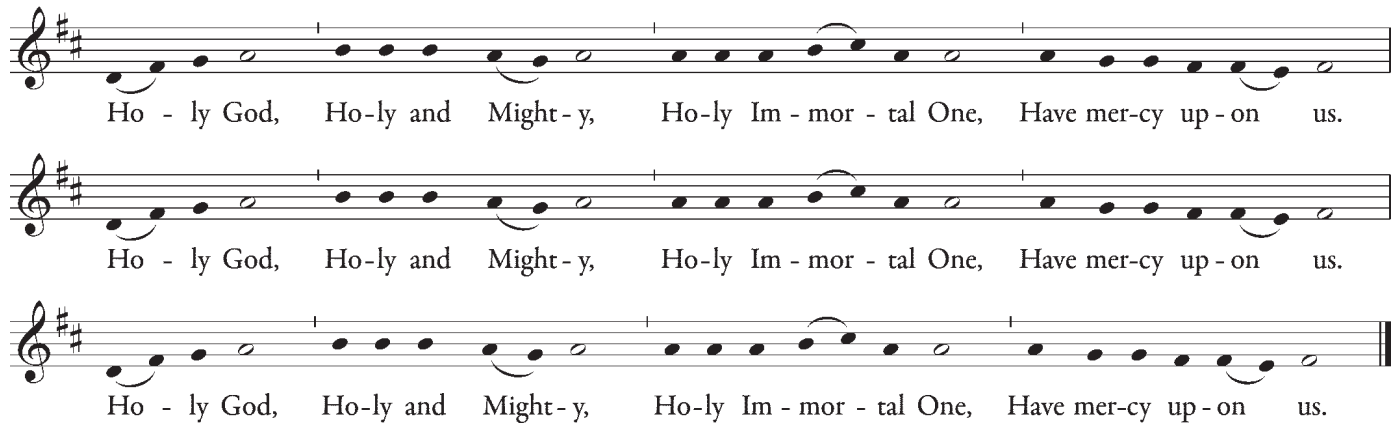
### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE TRISAGION

David Hurd (b. 1950)



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

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 people are seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them  
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## THE SECOND READING

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

## HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

*Nettleton*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

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

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

## THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

*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 petition,*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*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 are seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*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.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 467

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

*St. Bees*

# 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.**

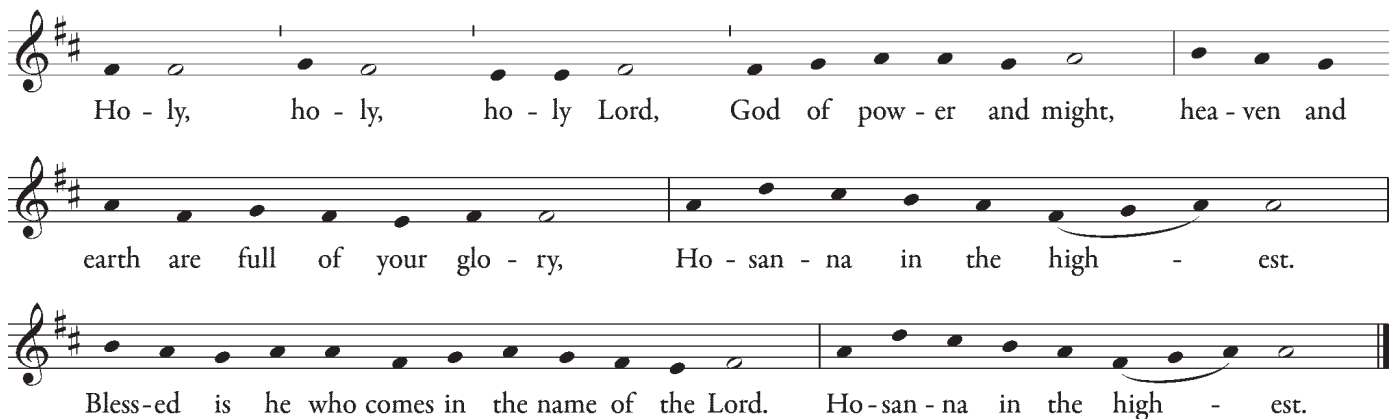
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

D. Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry, 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 the reconciling work of Christ's 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

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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.

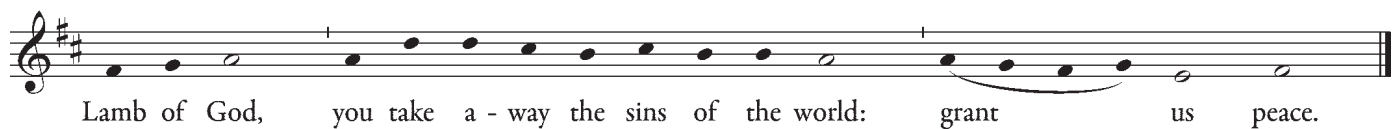
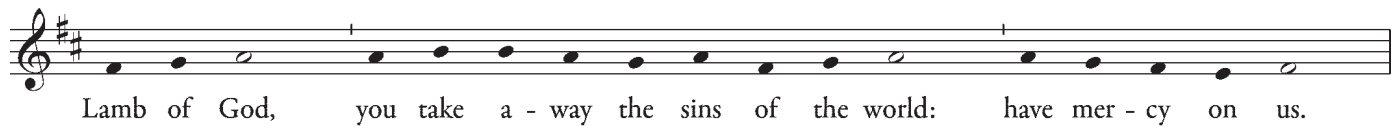
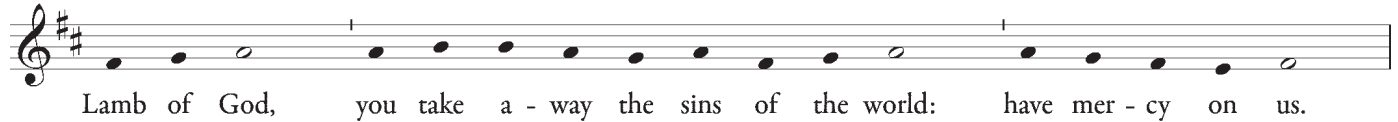
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*

D. Hurd



*The people are seated.*

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY 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

*In ieiunio et fletu*

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

*Sung in Latin.* Fasting and weeping, the priests prayed: "Spare, O Lord, your people, spare them and do not consign your children to destruction." Between the porch and altar the priests wept saying: "Spare your people." (*Joel 2:17*)

*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.

*In Lent, in place of a final blessing, the presider offers a Prayer over the People.*

## THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel or bow, as able.*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who bow 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 people stand.*

## CLOSING HYMN • 448

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

*Deus tuorum militum*

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Litanies*

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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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.

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