

Washington National Cathedral

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist March 30, 2014 • 11:15 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale and Variations (from Sonata No. 6)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

INTROIT

O Lord, increase our faith

Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in Thy true faith; Endue us with wisdom, charity and patience, In all our adversities, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 149 Sung by all, standing.

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation;

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long;

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask God's mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

CONFESSION AND 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.

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.**

TRISAGION

Cantor sings first, then all repeat twice.



THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, 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 for the readings and psalm.

THE FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 plainchant

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

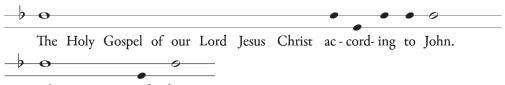
The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-41



Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

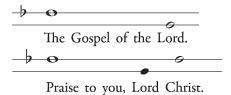
The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah

would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.



THE SERMON Dean Hall

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ 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 collected to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Like the beams that from the sun

Leo Sowerby (1892–1983)

Like the beams that from the sun Pierce the blackness of the night, Come to us, O Promised One, Spirit, Light.

Pure as saints that have attained, Clad in brightness for attire, Cleanse our souls by vileness stained, Spirit, Fire.

Stronger than uplifted arm In the tumult of the fight, Shield our timid souls from harm, Spirit, Might.

Soothing as the calm that falls When wind and billows cease, Comfort us when fear appals, Spirit, Peace.

Come, O Gracious Spirit, come, We would have Thee for our guest; Make our souls Thy chosen home, Spirit, Blest.

—Psalm 42: 1−3

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 499

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Song 1

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

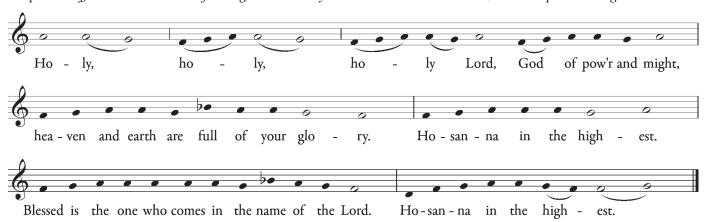
Lift up your hearts.

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 our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:



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 Gracious God, 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 reign.

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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

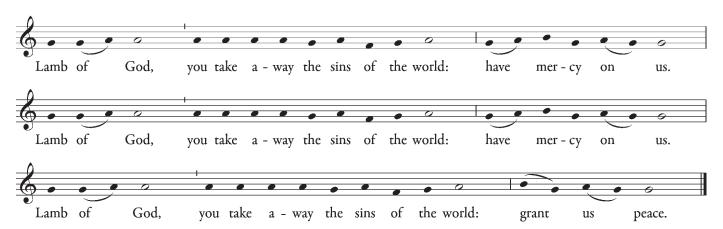
THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM



INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you desire to receive prayers for healing, you are invited to proceed to War Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion.

THE ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

My shepherd will supply my need

arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come. No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

—Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. Psalm 23

The people stand.

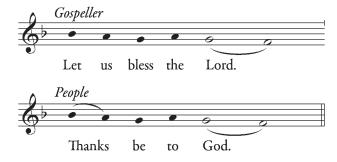
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him: and the blessing of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL



CLOSING HYMN 663 Sung by all.

The Lord my God my shepherd is

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor "Dorian," BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WORSHIP LEADERS Rev. Canon Kim Turner Baker, Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Cathedral Singers

FLOWER GIFTS In the mid-nave, the Lenten pedestals of branches are given in loving memory of Mary Ashley Scarborough.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - April 13



Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Palms • 8 am & 11 am

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St. John Passion • 4 pm

The Washington National Cathedral Combined Choirs and Baroque Orchestra perform under conductor Canon Michael McCarthy with soloists Rufus Müller, evangelist; Elizabeth Cragg, soprano; Nicholas Phan, tenor; and Christòphoren Nomura, bass. Tickets available at the door.

Monday, April 14 and Tuesday, April 15



Choral Evensong • 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong with Cathedral Singers featuring plainsong chant. Canticles and anthems prepare for the intensity of the days to come.

Maundy Thursday - April 17



Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing • 7:30 pm

Silent Vigil with Reserve Sacrament (St. John's Chapel) • 9–11 pm

Good Friday - April 18



The Liturgy of Good Friday: The Three Hours Service • Noon

Meditation and prayer during the first, second, and third hours with Holy Communion administered from the reserved Sacrament during the third hour. Following this service, clergy are available in Children's Chapel and War Memorial Chapel to offer the rite of reconciliation for those who desire to make a private confession.

When it Was Evening: A Meditation for Good Friday • 6:30 pm

In quiet darkness, the Good Friday evening service includes prayer, scripture, Taizé chant, and meditation. At the conclusion of this service, St. Joseph's Chapel is open for meditation. Healing ministers are available to pray with those who desire prayers for healing of mind, body, or spirit. Following this service, clergy are available in Resurrection Chapel to offer the rite of reconciliation for those who desire to make a private confession.

Holy Saturday - April 19



The Great Vigil of Easter • 8 pm

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and rose victorious from the grave. Hear the ancient stories of God's redeeming work, moving from darkness to light, from solemn chant to joyful song, and celebrate the glorious Resurrection. The Very Reverend Gary Hall preaches and the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde presides.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day - April 20



Festival Holy Eucharist (passes required) • 8 am & 11 am

The disciples' Easter proclamation, The Lord is risen indeed, belongs to all in the celebration of Jesus' victory over death and the grave. The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde preache and the Very Rev. erend Gary Hall



Easter Day Choral Evensong • 4 pm

Easter Day Organ Recital • 5:15 pm

Christopher Betts and Benjamin Straley perform, with special guest Chuck Seipp, trumpet

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