



# The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015 • 11:15 am

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Fugue in B minor BWV 544*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### INTROIT

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake*

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

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*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 448

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

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Deus tuorum militum*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives 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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Amen.

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

*The cantor sings first, then all repeat twice.*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

*The people are seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### 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

plainchant

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. 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 to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

*Nettleton*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

*Gospeller*



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac - cord - ing to John.

*People*



Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “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.”

*Gospeller*



The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

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

## 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.

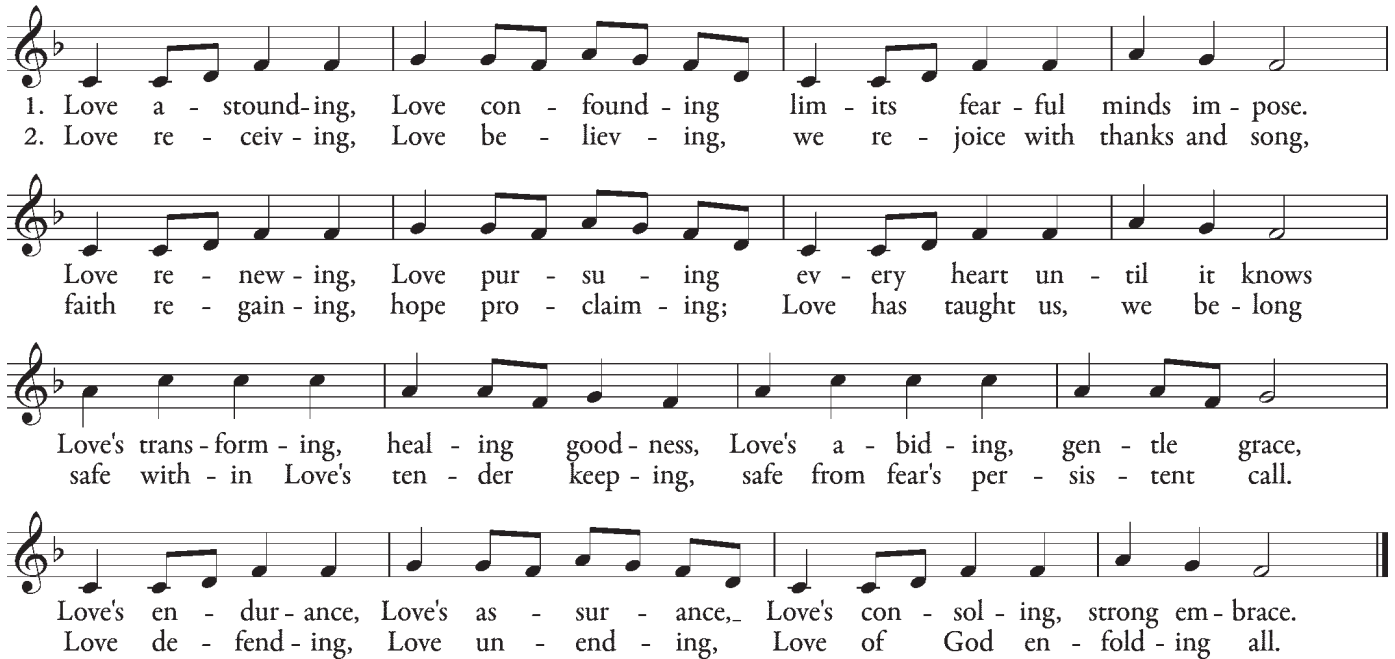
—John 3:16

*The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

*Love astounding*

*Holy Manna*



1. Love a - stound - ing, Love con - found - ing lim - its fear - ful minds im - pose.  
2. Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,  
Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing; Love has taught us, we be - long  
Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in Love's ten - der keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.  
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em - brace.  
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

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

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Mass 18*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one 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.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, 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 of Jesus' heart,

**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

*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.

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.*

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

*Salvator mundi*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1580)

*Sung in Latin.* Savior of the world, save us, who by your cross and your blood has redeemed us; help us, we beseech you, our God.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing.*

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

*The presider offers a blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

DISMISSAL

*Gospeller*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • 149 *Sung by all.*

*Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

*Old 124th*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in B-flat minor*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**WORSHIP LEADERS** Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Rev. Dr. Wollom A. Jensen, Cathedral Singers

**FLOWER GIFTS** In the mid-nave, the Lenten pedestals of branches are given in loving memory of Mary Ashley Scarborough. At the statue of St. Patrick, shamrocks are given in loving memory of Monica Gallivan Lack, Cathedral docent. *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. Easter gifts received by March 5 are included in the Easter program.*

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