



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

9:00 A.M.

*Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!*

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
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# HOLY EUCHARIST

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## PRELUDE

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.*

### HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous Love*

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE

*His mercy endures for ever.*

*The Celebrant says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept.*

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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 Celebrant says*

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.*

## KYRIE ELEISON

*All sing.*

S-91

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us." The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final measure of the fourth staff is a whole note G, followed by a double bar line.



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

*The congregation stands.*

### GOSPEL John 12:20–33

DEACON The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
 PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.  
 PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON      The Rev. Susan Beebe

*A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.*

## NICENE CREED

*The congregation stands.*

*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this community, for every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and all who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Please stand.*

## THE PEACE

CELEBRANT      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE          *And also with you.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY

*A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity.*

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

#### PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

CELEBRANT      The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE          *And also with you.*

CELEBRANT      Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE          *We lift them to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE          *It is right to give our 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 AND BENEDICTUS *All sing.*

S-114

Healy Willan (1880–1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *The People kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

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.*

CELEBRANT

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

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*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.*

FRACTION ANTHEM *All sing.* Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Cambridge Mass) Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. The bread which we break is the com-mu-nion of the bo-dy of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. One bo-dy are we, for though ma-ny we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

*All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, and all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest.*

During Communion

Hymn 628 Help us, O Lord, to learn

*St. Ethelwald*

*The congregation kneels when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

CELEBRANT Bow down before the Lord.

CELEBRANT Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The People stand to sing.*

## HYMN 474

When I survey the wondrous cross  
Verses 1, 2, & 4

*Rockingham*

## THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

RESPONSE

*Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

***Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...*** Abby, Addie, Alyssa, Andrea, Barbara, Beckett, Becky, Berry, Bill, Birgit, Bob, Carlan, Carol Ann, Caroline, Carolyn, Christel, Connie, Cordelia, Daniel, David, Denise, Denny, Diane, Ed, Eleanor, Ellie, Erik, Francys, Gil, Glen, Hap, Henry, Isabel, Jaden, Jason, Jay, Justin, Katharine, Kelly, Jacob, Leslie, Lizz, Malcolm, Marcia, Mark, Marilyn, Marlene, Martie, Martin, Meegan, Naum, Nancy, the Nesselhauf family, Nick, Oliver, Raz, Rebecca, Remy, Robin, Roger, Ron, Rosey, Ruth, Salvatore, Sherry, Theresa, Timmy, Vince, Viola-Cleo, Wayne, Wendy, Xavier, ***and all those serving our country***, including Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William

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