

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Mass on the Second Tone André Raison

Christ, Have Mercy

Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Amen, We Praise Your Name” S. C. Molefe

Sing praises. Amen, we praise your name, O God!

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *The Word has come for us from God,*

People: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

Leader: *The Word has come to us from Jesus,*

People: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

Leader: *The Word flows to us from the Spirit,*

People: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 805 “Come Sing to God”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar;
God of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus;
we confess to you how often we are not content
with the simple gifts and lives you offer.
Encouraged by the world to accumulate more,
we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness.
Chasing after that which has no true value,
we may not have the energy to pursue the faith,
the love, and the gentleness you have for us.
Forgive us, God of reversals. You have sent the one
who speaks the words to which we need to listen in order to have life.
Help us to remember how you have redeemed us,
and in remembering, may we start again. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Like as the Hart Desireth the Water Brooks” Herbert Howells
*Like as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to
appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me, “Where is now thy God?”*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16 Old Testament, page 518

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19–31 New Testament, page 75
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 168 “Within Your Shelter, Loving God”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” Milton Swenson
Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

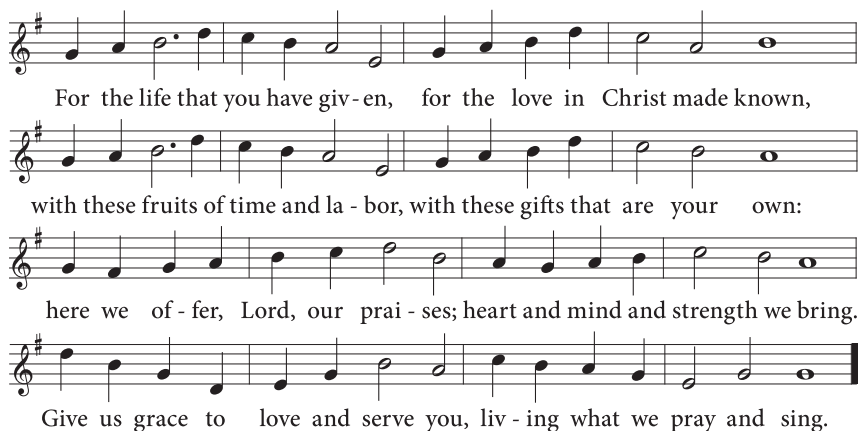
Offertory Anthem

“O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem” H. Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of-fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care
for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those
who typically have no banquets set before them. May these gifts
be used to make this congregation a place of welcome, of sanctuary,
and of prayer for all people. May these gifts be used for ministries
that live out your desire for all your creation to live in peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who
came to draw all people to himself, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

March Héroique A. Herbert Brewer

One Great Hour of Sharing

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

—1 PETER 4:10

Through your gifts to our Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, you can serve people in our city and around the world by empowering youth to thrive academically, alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crisis or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression.

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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE BULLETIN COVER PHOTO, looking through a leaded-glass window into the courtyard on a snowy day, reminds us how easily we can choose to see only what is nearest to us. The quote by David Lose is from the online devotion series “Daily Bread” (www.davidlose.net).

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