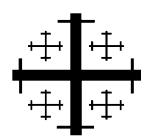
# First Sunday in Lent

9 March 2025

8 & 11 am





# The Liturgy at Calvary

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to

resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Prelude *Elevation* George Walker (1923-2018)

#### **Confession & Absolution**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**
- P If we say 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### C Amen.

# The Glory of These Forty Days



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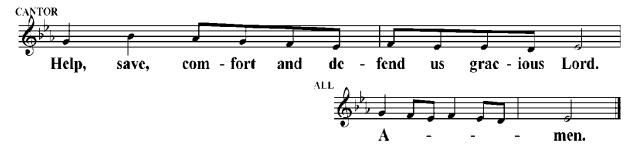
#### **Apostolic Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ♣ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### C And also with you.

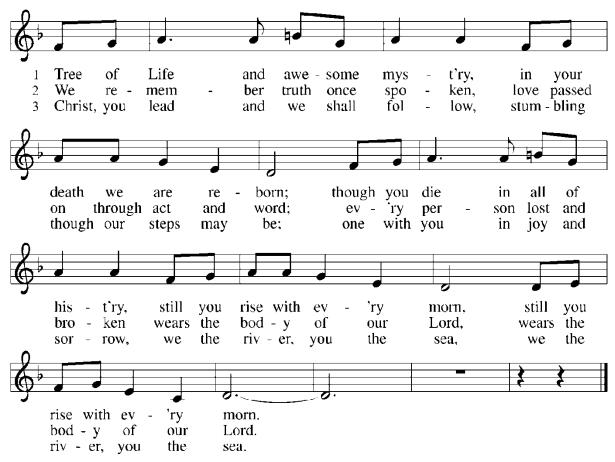






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### Hymn of Praise: TREE OF LIFE & AWESOME MYSTERY



4. From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as your own; Stay with us through all temptation. Make us turn to you alone. Make us turn to you alone.

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#### **Prayer of the Day**



P Let us pray... O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Please sit

#### First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place

and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 
<sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 
<sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 91** Cantors sing refrain, all echo & sing ff. verse

#### Refrain



- 1. He will not let the night be master of your fear, cause you not to stumble on a stone: but with mighty hand and with outstretched arm he will claim you for his own. **Refrain**
- 2. To your left and your right, the plague of terror prowls. You will feel abandoned in the fight: but beneath the shadow of his wings is the armour of his light. **Refrain**
- 3. He has clothed you with love and knows you by your name, sees your joy and hears your silent sigh: and if ever you are in need of him he will answer when you cry. **Refrain**

#### Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

8b"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L The Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

11and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



**Sermon** Intern Rebecca



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947. Music: SLANE, Irish traditional. Text © 1996 Hope Publishing Company.

#### Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

#### concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

#### **Peace**

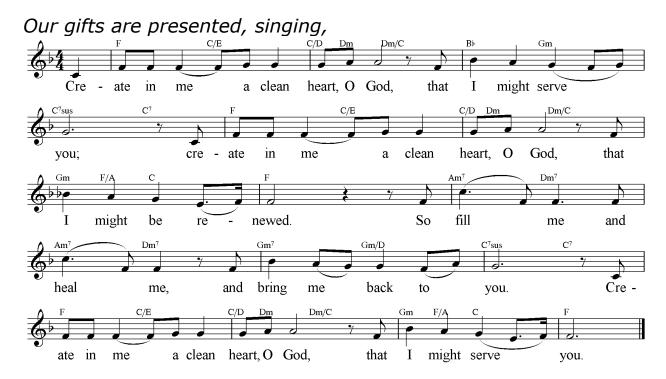
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

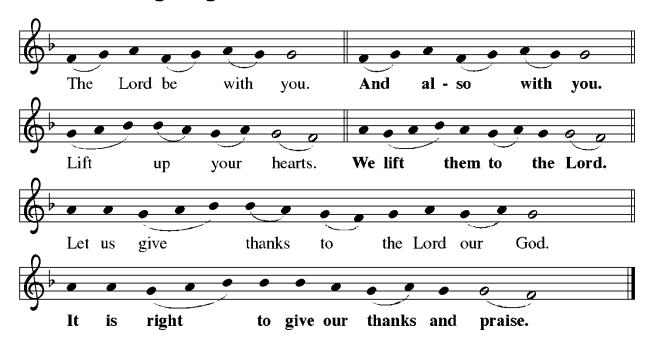
# Offertory The Truth, Megan Woods David Johnson, solo





- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

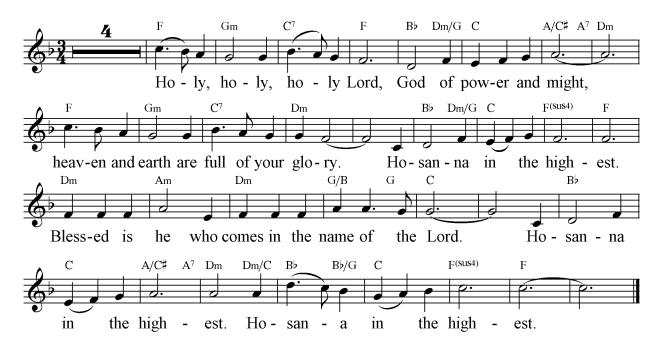


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in al places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fulness of your grace.

And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



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#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

**Eucharistic Acclamation** 



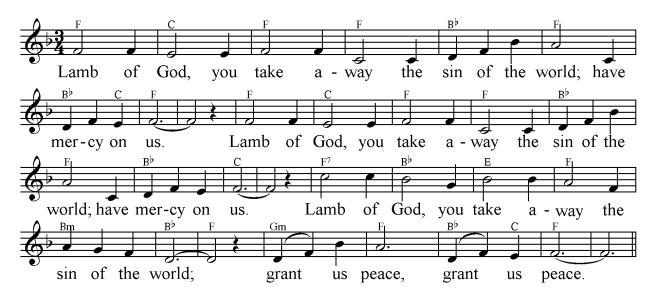
- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

## Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]



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## **Holy Communion**

**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide. Wine is Red Grape Juice is White

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter



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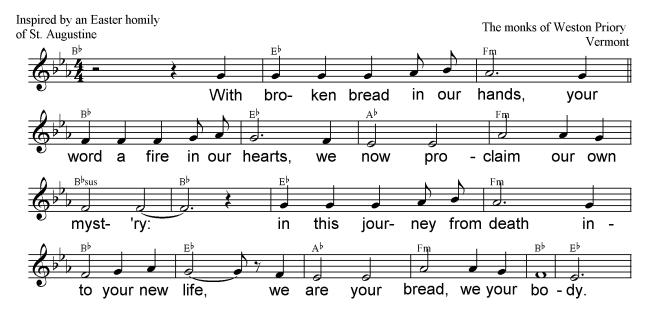
# Lead Me, Guide Me



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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen.

#### **Post Communion Canticle**



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- A Let us pray... Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.
- C Amen

#### **Sending**

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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# Postlude Be Thou My Vision Irish folk tune Slane Arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
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Altar Guild	Beverly & Bryan	Amanda Rothe
Live Stream		Lori Waller

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#### **Commemorations This Week**

# Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society Monday, March 10, 2025

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

# Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

#### **Note on today's Prelude**

George Walker (1922-2018), composer of today's prelude, was a child prodigy who abandoned his original intent to be a concert pianist, feeling his race was an obstacle to that career so he turned to composition. He was the first African American pianist to play at New York City's Town Hall, to receive the Artist's Diploma as a pupil of Rudolf Serkin from the Curtis Institute of Music, to perform with Eugene Normandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, to receive a doctorate in piano from Eastman School of Music, to study with Nadia Boulanger in Paris, and to receive the Pulitzer Prize in music for his *Lilacs for Voice and Orchestra*, set to Walt Whitman's lament for Abraham Lincoln and premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.