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Lenten Message

There can be a danger in approaching Lent with a plan. We can arrive at Easter with a sense of "mission accomplished!" Properly observed, Lent is a season of quiet and simple preparation for a renewed relationship with God, not an endurance test. As we enter Lent, this is what Jesus is telling his disciples: Don't do holy things because the world expects them or because they make you feel good; practice holiness so that you may come to a closer relationship with God so that God may be glorified through you.

During this season, we invite you to join us in the practice of a holy Lent marked by simplicity, prayer and holy service to others. Please pick up one of the purple calendars created by members of our Outreach committee along with one of the meditation guides from Episcopal Relief and Development. "Pray" with them as guidelines to practice at least one act of human kindness each day of this season. Consider sharing this blessing with friends, family members and colleagues.

I bid you a holy and blessed Lenten observance. May the coming weeks help to build a strong foundation for new life in the Risen Christ when we celebrate His resurrection at Easter.

Your brother in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We're glad you're with us! If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself to the clergy and a greeter and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in Goodwin Hall.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Please pick up your name tag from the trays in Goodwin Hall or at the Sigourney Street entrance. If you don't have a name tag, simply fill out a blank and leave it in the basket after the service; a printed name tag will be made for you. It is part of our ministry of hospitality to let people know who we are.

COMMUNION

If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine at the 10:00 a.m. service, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the north aisle in front of the chapel. Gluten free wafers are available from the priest serving communion on the lectern (right) side of the altar rail. If you are not prepared to receive Communion today, you are invited to receive a blessing from the priest, indicating your desire to do so by crossing your hands over your chest.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

Children infant-3 years are offered care in the Nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service. Children between the age of 3 years and second grade are welcome to worship in the church and are encouraged to participate in Godly Play when it is in session during the Liturgy of the Word. If children become restless, need to talk or need a break, there is a table along with coloring materials and children's books in the Parents' Room next to the bathrooms in the Narthex (hallway at the Sigourney Street entrance to the church.) Parents are reminded that children should not be allowed to leave the worship area on their own but should be accompanied by a parent.

INTERCESSORY & HEALING PRAYERS

Those desiring personal intercessory prayers are invited to go to the chapel after receiving Communion at the 10:00 a.m. service, where a member of the Chapel Prayer Team will pray with you. Also at the 10:00 a.m. service, those wishing prayers for healing of body, mind or spirit are invited to pray with members of our healing team stationed in the south aisle in front of the baptistery.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

If you'd like to borrow a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer 1979, and Enriching Our Worship I and music from The Hymnal 1982 and the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Vergers:
10:00 a.m. Roy McAlpine

Acolytes:
10:00 a.m. Kachi Onoh
Shquia Thomas
Jordan Thomas
Malik Thomas
Tro Moo

Altar Guild:
8:00 a.m. Karin Peterson
10:00 a.m. Mary Register

Ministers of Communion:
8:00 a.m. Jaqui Johnson
10:00 a.m. Advetus Bohlen
Kate Rousseau
Al Shuckra
Robin D'Oyen

Readers:
8:00 a.m. Jim Bradley
10:00 a.m. Linda MacGougan
Kachi Onoh

Intercessors:
8:00 a.m. Jim Bradley
10:00 a.m. Casey Rousseau

Lay Leader Host:
10:00 a.m. Janet Wilkinson
Percy Williamson

Healing Prayer Team:
10:00 a.m. Percy Williamson

Ushers:
10:00 a.m. Mary Register
Bill Kofalk
Louise Krippenstapel
Kendall Okeke

Duncaster:
George Chien

Hospitality:
Georges Annan-Kingsley,
Marthe Annan-Kingsley
Connie Bain
Fruit: Valerie Pogue

Eucharistic Visitor:
Al Shuckra

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *Wondrous Love*

arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT: *The Lord is my Shepherd*

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #7 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Ratisbon

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All His mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel or stand.

THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY

BCP p. 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to God's people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

All Amen. Lord have mercy.



Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
All Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant 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." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSIO

BCP p. 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent reflection will be kept.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON: #S-86

David Hurd

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, 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.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the singing of the psalm.

PSALM 23 LEVAS #104 The Lord Is My Shepherd

Thomas Koschat

Please be seated.

EPISTLE: 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple.
 Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
 and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choir School of Hartford

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

Reader 1 *His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered,*

Celebrant "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."

Reader 1 *He kept saying, "I am the man."*

Celebrant But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

Reader 1 *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."*

Celebrant They said to him, "Where is he?"

Reader 1 *He said, "I do not know."*

Celebrant 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.

Reader 1 *He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."*

Celebrant 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."

Reader 1 *He said, "He is a prophet."*

Celebrant 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?"

Reader 2 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.”

Celebrant 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.”

Reader 1 He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

Celebrant They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

Reader 1 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?”

Celebrant 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.”

Reader 1 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.”

Celebrant 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?”

Reader 1 He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him,

Celebrant “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

Reader 1 He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said,

Celebrant “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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Donald L. Hamer

Silence for reflection.

Please Stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP P. 358

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form II

BCP, p. 386

*In the course of the silence after each bidding the People offer their own prayers,
either silently or aloud.*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Ian and Laura; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all
people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Lessie Joseph, for Hartford's nine 2017 homicide victims and their families, especially those who have died this month: Desmond Wright, William Prieto, Stephen Payne, Jason Reddick, and those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

People (optional) I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Please be seated for the announcements.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: #490 "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"

Houston

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Please remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

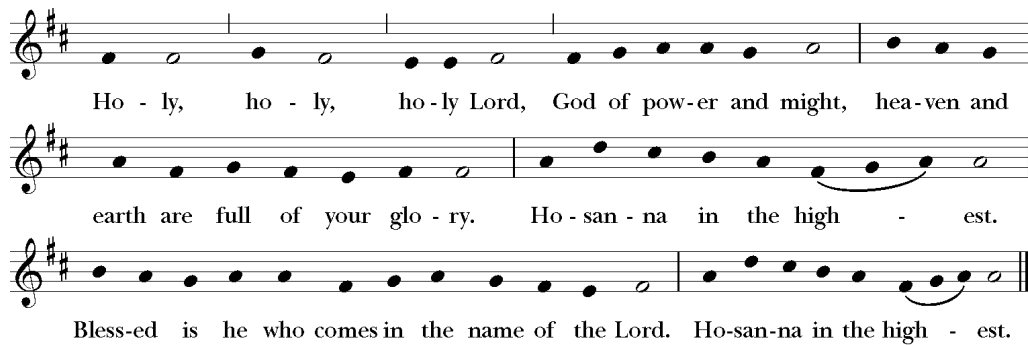
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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."

All Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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.

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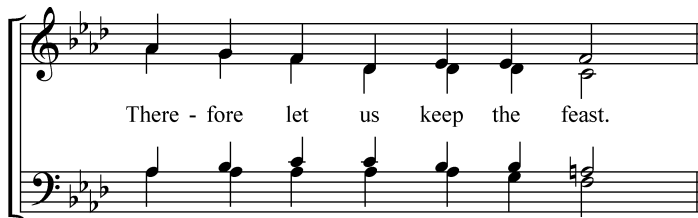
Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: from the *Trinity Service*

Landman



Celebrant Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us

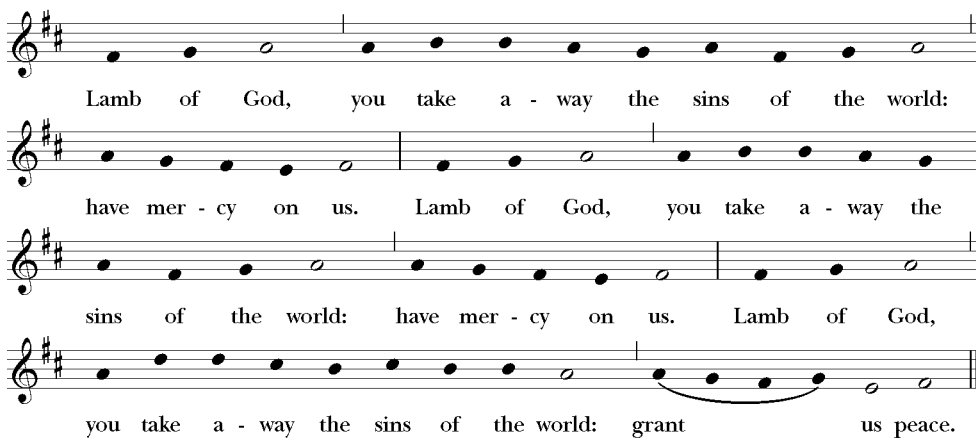


People

Celebrant Behold what you are.
All May we become what we receive.

SECOND FRACTION ANTHEM: #S161

David Hurd



THE COMMUNION

Please be seated. If you are not prepared to receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the priest, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: #664 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Resignation

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

THE CLOSING HYMN: #533 "How Wondrous and Great"

Lyons

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be
cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Lenten Postlude*

Robert Hobby

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