

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023 10:00 a.m.

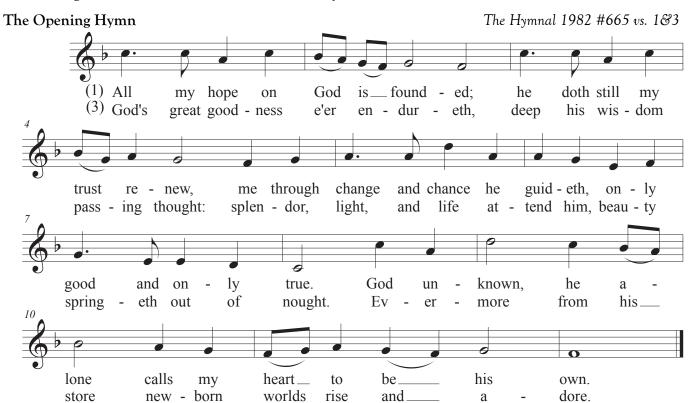
The Congregation Gathers

Prelude No.26 Larghetto (from 35 Miniatures for Organ)

by Flor Peeters (1903-86)

The Tolling of the Bell

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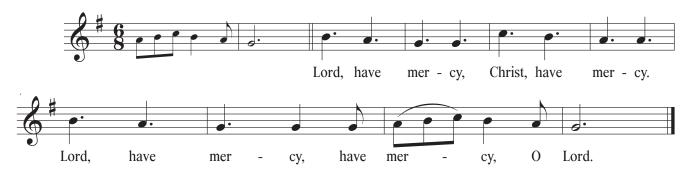


The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through lesus Christ, the life of the world. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

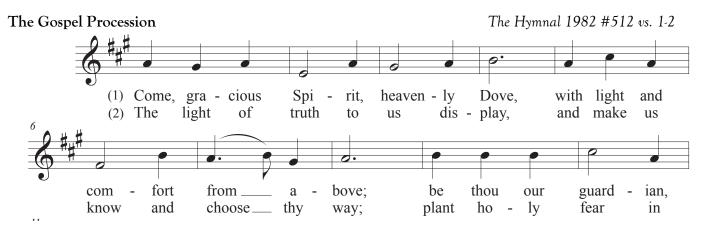
The Reading Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.





The Gospel John 11:1-45

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

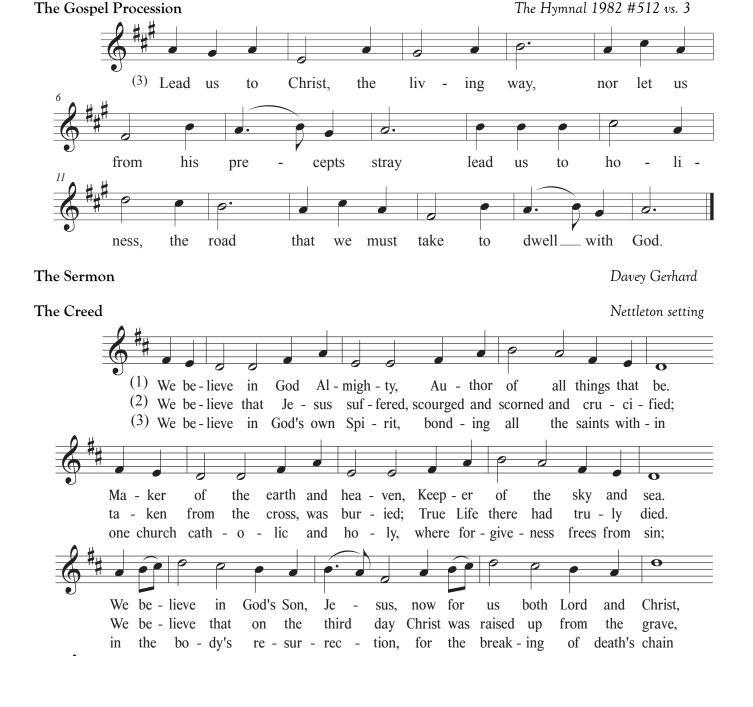
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because

he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. The people respond





The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

Leader

I ask your prayers for the Church, that all who confess God's Name may be united in truth, live together in love, and reveal God's glory in the world.....

Sung response (all):

"O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer, come and listen to me."

I ask your prayers for the peoples of all the nations, that we may live in justice and peace.....

Sung response

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find comfort, healing and hope.....

Sung response

I ask your prayers for those who are dying, for those who have died and for those who mourn, that they may experience your compassion and mercy.....

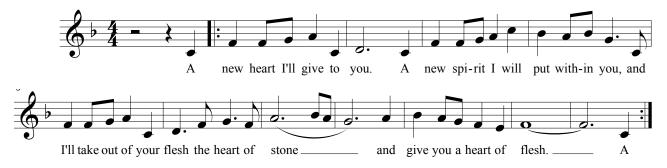
Sung response

Celebrant

Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. *Amen*.

Lenten Confession

all are invited to bring their pebbles to place in the bowl as we sing



The Celebrant then pronounces absolution as water is poured over the stones.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

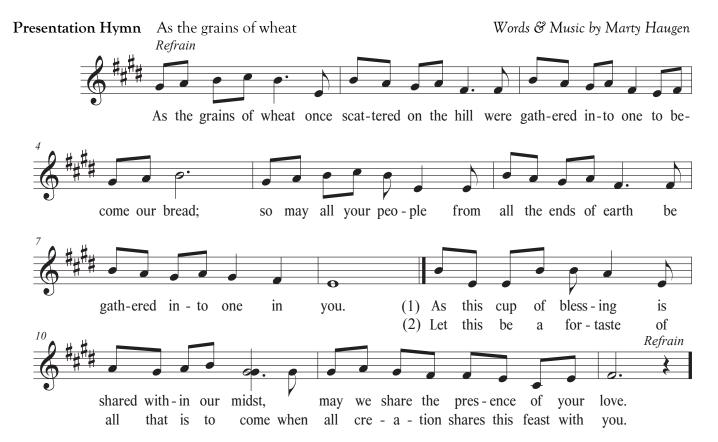
We greet each other in the name of Christ.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Malcolm Gaines, baritone

We invite everyone to form a circle around the altar while we sing the presentation hymn, leaving the front chairs for those who are unable to climb the steps or remain standing for the entire Eucharistic prayer. Children are welcome to step up on the bench in front of the altar where they can experience the liturgy up close.



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

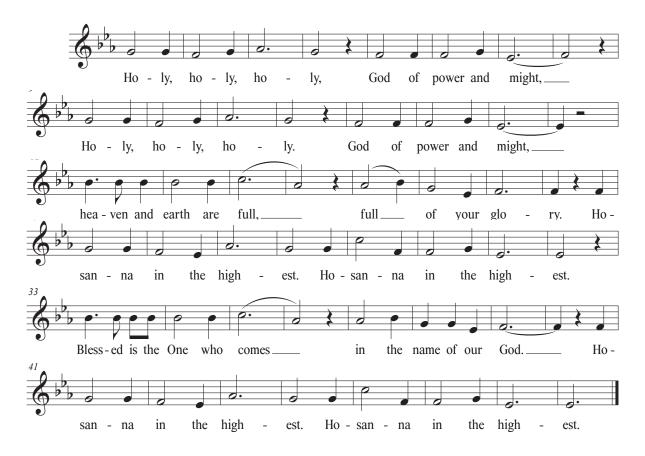
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as children in your house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory.



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat, this is my Body; it is given for you."

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

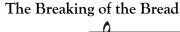
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life- giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

May we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, O God of all ages. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





Wonder, Love, and Praise #867



Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

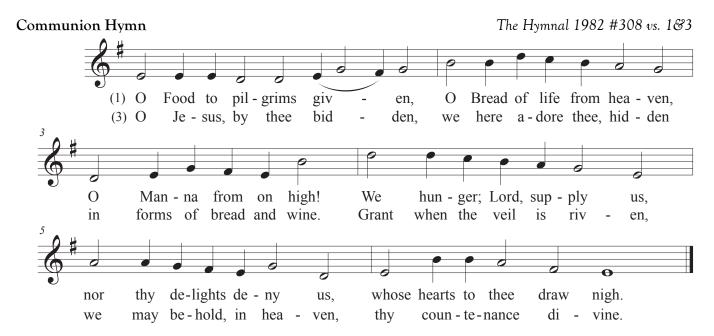
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

Healing Prayer

During this time people are also invited to participate in Healing Prayer in the Mary Chapel, at the back of the nave. All are invited to participate in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else.



Postcommunion Prayer

Thank you, Creator,
Thank you God,
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

Thank you, Jesus,
Thank you God.
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

Thank you Spirit,
Thank you God,
By your love for us, by your love,
By your love for us we are yours.

Community Blessings

Lenten Blessing

May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory and make us servants living for the world; and the blessing of God the Creator, God the Word Incarnate and God of Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, now and for ever, *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #457 vs. 1-4



- (1) Thou art the Way, to thee a lone from sin and death we flee;
- (2) Thou art the Truth, thy word a lone true wis dom can im part;
- (3) Thou art the Life, the rend ing tomb pro claims thy con quering arm;
- (4) Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,



- (1) and all who would the Fa ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
- (2) thou on ly canst in form the mind and pu ri fy the heart.
- (3) and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
- (4) that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e ter nal flow.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie on Benifold (Glory, love and praise)

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SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY

The Rev. Scot Sherman, Celebrant
Davey Gerhard, M.C./Crucifer & Preacher
Bill Keck, Director of Music
Chase Tingley, Reader
Sarah Brummett, Prayers of the People
Michael Romero, Usher / Greeter
Melinda Carr / Sarah Thornburg, Tech Team
Alison Amonette, Flower Committee
Romero Family, Hospitality
Dano Cammarota, Altar Guild

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in learning how to make Palm Crosses? If so, join Sr. Jean on Tuesday, March 28th at 3:30 PM to make the crosses we will use on Palm Sunday. No experience necessary. For more details, contact Dano Cammarota via phone or email.

Holy Innocents Stewardship Campaign Thank you for all you do for the Holy Innocents Community! Your gifts help us live out our mission and ministry in our neighborhood and throughout the world. You are invited to make your pledge of time, talent, and treasure for the 2023 fiscal year during our pledge campaign season - October 9 - October 30. Don't worry if you have not yet sent in your pledge card. You may still do so!

To participate in this year's campaign, please visit our Stewardship web page at https://holyinsf.org/giving You may also complete a pledge card located at the back of the church and place it in the plate. However you make your gift this year, please know that your work is appreciated and needed."

Healing Service

We have resumed having a service of healing at the Mary Chapel during communion on Sundays. All are invited to participate (in whatever manner is comfortable for you) in the laying on of hands and anointing for yourself or for someone else in.

Sacristy helpers needed to prepare for Holy Week. Dano is in need of volunteers for getting the sacristy ready for Holy Week. Please contact her for details.

Emergency Flood Relief for Haji Muhammad Sharif Village in Pakistan Claire Quarterman's best friend is trying to raise money for the victims of a flood in Pakistan. Her friend's father lives in the town. Here is the link where one can

donate: https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/emergency flood relief for haji muhammad shari f village in pakistan#!/

Archbishop Naoum asks for support for those affected by the earthquake in northern Syria

Since Sunday night when the first news of the disastrous earthquake in Central Turkey and Northern Syria arrived, we have been watching with great sadness the destruction across the region and the rescue and relief efforts.

The effects of the earthquake were felt far from the epicenter. Archdeacon Imad Zoorob, head of St. Luke's Rehabilitation Center in Beirut, sent video of light fixtures rattling in this family's fifth floor apartment. Dua'a Bisharat, director of Saviour's School in Jordan, said she thought she awoke with a dizzy spell before she realized it was an earthquake.

Read newsletter

Read Archbishop Naoum's Letter

Donate to AFEDJ (American Friends to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem)

ERD's Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response

Partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to provide support to people affected by the deadly earthquake along the border between Turkey and Syria. Visit <u>episcopalrelief.org</u> today to make a contribution to the <u>Turkey-Syria Earthquake Response Fund</u>.

Due to privacy concerns, we have removed personal email addresses from our newsletters and bulletins.

When we list a person as a contact, please use our membership directory. This directory requires that a person be in the directory in order to retrieve contact information. If you need to be added to the directory, please send your request to support@holyinsf.org.

Wednesday Potluck

Come join us for a shared meal and good conversation in the parish hall every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Bring a dish and/or beverage to share. A reminder that when there is an Open Cathedral volunteer event happening, we will gather at 6:00 pm for sandwich making and food assembling. Contact Stephen or Cynthia Walker for questions or more information.

Hospitality: We have begun having a small **coffee hour** after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the <u>rota sign up link</u>. To sign up for hospitality, please go to the Rita or email <u>natashalmerritt@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed: No specific skills required, just a willingness to learn and a general comfort with technology. We will provide all the training you need.

Morning Prayer (via Zoom) continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please reach out to Sue Fandel if you'd like the link.

To add an announcement to the weekly newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin, please send your text (ready to paste) no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@holyinsf.org.

Staying Connected!

You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF. If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email office@holyinsf.org

HOLY INNOCENTS PRAYER LIST

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bill D.; Bill (Cynthia's brother); ; Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); Diana (Anne's niece); Diane B. (Sarah B's friend); Dito (Seth's friend); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joan (Alison's sister); Joel & Sam; John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Linda (Cary's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Mary (Allison's mother); Mary (Susan's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents);; Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sarah (Malcolm, Cora, and Seth's friend); Seth and his family; Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thom (Seth's friend); Thomas F.; Virginia Gassner; Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Ann Bogatinoff (congregation member); Bucky Mills (Richard's dad); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Helen Brenzel (Seth's mom) Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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