



St. Paul's PARISH

Evensong and Benediction The Fifth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

4:00 PM

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones before Evensong begins.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Stèle pour un enfant defunt, from *Tryptich*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers into the church.

PRECES

Richard Webster (b.1952)

Officiant ✕ O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant ✕ O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 65:1-8 *Te decet hymnus*

David Ashley White (b.1944)

Sung by the choir.

The congregation sits at the midpoint of the first verse.

1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion;
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me:
O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee:
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures
of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our
salvation;

thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that
remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains,
and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea,
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens,

thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:16-4:12

“Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying: I have given heed to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. I declare that I will bring you up out of the misery of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ They will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go except by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go. I will bring this people into such favor with the Egyptians that, when you go, you will not go empty-handed; each woman shall ask her neighbor and any woman living in the neighbor’s house for jewelry of silver and of gold and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; so you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

Then Moses answered, “But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you.’ ” The Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail”—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand—“so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

Again, the Lord said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” He put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was diseased, as white as snow. Then God said, “Put your hand back into your cloak”—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body—“If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”

But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and

slow of tongue.” Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.”

Here endeth the lesson.

All stand.

OFFICE HYMN 327 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (*Palmer Church*)

AMARILLO MAGNIFICAT

White

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Savior.

For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me;
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their
seat, and hath exalted the humble
and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good
things; and the rich he hath sent empty
away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel; as he promised to our
forefathers, Abraham and his seed for
ever.

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.

All sit.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:31-9:1

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with

the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

Here endeth the lesson.

All stand.

AMARILLO NUNC DIMITTIS

White

✠ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart
in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of
all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sung by all in monotone.

<i>Officiant</i>	I believe in God,
<i>People</i>	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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

The congregation kneels.

Officiant Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
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. *Amen.*

THE RESPONSES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERIL

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

THE GRACE

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

AVE REGINA COELORUM

The musical score for 'Ave Regina Coelorum' is written on four staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are: Queen of the heav - ens, we hail thee, hail thee, La - dy of all the An - gels; thou the dawn, the door of morn - ing whence the world's true Light is ri - sen: joy to thee. O Vir - gin glo - rious, beau - ti - ful be - yond all oth - er; hail, and fare - well, O most gra - cious, in - ter - cede for us al - way to Je - sus.

Officiant Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O holy Virgin:

All Give me strength against thine enemies.

Officiant Let us pray. Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness: that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God may, through the aid of her intercession, rise again from our sins; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit once the officiant has done so.

ANTHEM

White

O bread of life from heaven,
to saints and angels given;
O manna from above!

The souls that hunger, feed thou
the hearts that seek thee, lead thou,
with thy sweet tender love.

Latin hymn, 17th cent., tr. Philip Schaff (1819-1893)

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

All kneel as the bell is rung.

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

Verbum supernam prodiens

1. O sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide the gate of heav'n to man be - low,
2. All praise and thanks to thee a - scend for ev - er - more, blest One in Three;

our foes press on from ev - ery side, thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.
O grant us life that shall not end in our true na - tive land with thee. A - men.

MEDITATION

The Officiant may pray aloud, or all may keep silence. At the conclusion of the Meditation, the officiant may say thrice, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus," to which the congregation responds, "Have mercy upon us."

TANTUM ERGO

Mode V

1. There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sa - cra - ment re - vere,
2. Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

types and sha - dows have their end - ing, for the new - er rite is here;
hon - or, might, and praise ad - dress - ing, while e - ter - nal a - ges run;

faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing,
ev - er, too, his love con - fess - ing

makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
who from both with both is One. A - men.

VERSICLE, RESPONSE, AND COLLECT

Officiant Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

People Containing within itself all sweetness.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy Redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The people are blessed by the Sacrament.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Said by the Officiant, with all repeating each phrase.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

May the heart of Jesus,
in the most blessed Sacrament,
be praised, adored, and loved
with grateful affection,
at every moment,
in all the tabernacles of the world,
even to the end of time. Amen.

All stand as the bell is rung and the Most Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

ANTIPHON AND PSALM 117 *Ego sum panis vivus*

I am the liv - ing bread which came down from hea - ven:
If an - y man eat of this bread, he shall live for - ev - er. *Fine*

O praise the Lord, all ye na - tions: praise him, all ye peo - ples.
For his mer - ci - ful kind - ness is ev - er more and more to - ward us:
and the truth of the Lord en - dur - eth for - ev - er. Praise the Lord.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son: and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men *D.C. al fine*

VOLUNTARY

Aria, from *Symphonie No. 6*

Vierne



Thank you for joining us this Sunday at St. Paul's. We are privileged to have you with us and invite you to return and worship with us again.

A Note on Today's Music

David Ashley White, a seventh-generation Texan, has been composer-in-residence at Palmer Episcopal Church in Houston for over thirty years, where Ken Cowan (Professor of Organ, Rice University) also serves as Artist in Residence. Monica's successor at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Daryl Robinson, recently released a recording (*A Love so Fierce*, 2021) of the complete organ solo works of White. A beloved contributor to the arts scene in Houston, White's compositions have garnered nationwide acclaim, perhaps due to his care in celebrating sacred or secular texts and sensitivity to the vocal needs of non-professional choirs.

Parish Prayer List

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for: Grace Church, Georgetown; Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish. We also pray that each congregation be attentive to the areas of ministry described by the Vital Signs of Parish Health.

In the wider Anglican Communion, pray for: Church of the Province of South East Asia; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; and Mariann, our own bishop; for our sister parish St. Paul's Knightsbridge, London; for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; the Georgetown Ministry Center; and the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys.

For those who are sick or in need: especially Joseph, Gene, William, Carol, Thom, Gary, Gerry, Bill, Sharon, Martin, Devon, Benna, Chris, Michael, Joan, Grace, Lynn, Gary, JoAnn, Laureen, Brian, Alan, Jenny, Peggy, Steven, James, Bette, Philip, Arnitta, Fram, Nathan, Tony, Lisa, and John.

For those who are abroad: Kevwe and Oviereya.

For those who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also give thanks for our visitors and newcomers and for the hospitality, evangelization, pastoral care, formation, and outreach our parishioners daily undertake.

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through sacramental worship and Christ-like living.



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