

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**April 6, 2025 - 8:00 AM** *(No music)*  
**10:15 AM** *(with music)*

**HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**



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**Prelude:** Chorale Prelude on *Jesu, Meine Freude*

J.S. Bach

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.  
Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

### **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **Silent Procession**

**A Penitential Order**

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**The Decalogue**

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#### **Confession and Absolution**

**Kyrie #S91, "Lord, have mercy upon us"**

Healy Willan

#### **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. *Amen.***

**Opening Hymn #675, "Take up your cross, the Savior said"**

*Bourbon*

*[Note: The Bible translations in Lent are taken from The Message by Eugene Peterson.]*

**A Reading from Isaiah (43:16-21)**

**Katharine Benziger/Jeremy Lees**

This is what God says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves, the God who summons horses and chariots and armies—

they lie down and then can't get up; they're snuffed out like so many candles:  
"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.  
Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands. Wild animals will say 'Thank you!'—the coyotes and the buzzards—  
Because I provided water in the desert, rivers through the sunbaked earth,  
Drinking water for the people I chose, the people I made especially for myself,  
a people custom-made to praise me.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 126. We will read it responsively by half verse.**

It seemed like a dream, too good to be true,  
    **when God returned Zion's exiles.**  
We laughed, we sang,  
    **we couldn't believe our good fortune.**  
We were the talk of the nations—  
    **"God was wonderful to them!"**  
God *was* wonderful to us;  
    **we are one happy people.**  
And now, God, do it again—  
    **bring rains to our drought-stricken lives**  
So those who planted their crops in despair  
    **will shout "Yes!" at the harvest,**  
So those who went off with heavy hearts  
    **will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (3:4b-21)**

**Katharine Benziger/Meg Beresik**

Steer clear of the barking dogs, those religious busybodies, all bark and no bite. All they're interested in is appearances—knife-happy circumcisers, I call them. The *real* believers are the ones the Spirit of God leads to work away at this ministry, filling the air with Christ's praise as we do it. We couldn't carry this off by our own

efforts, and we know it—even though we can list what many might think are impressive credentials. You know my pedigree: a legitimate birth, circumcised on the eighth day; an Israelite from the elite tribe of Benjamin; a strict and devout adherent to God’s law; a fiery defender of the purity of my religion, even to the point of persecuting the church; a meticulous observer of everything set down in God’s law Book.

The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I’m tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I’ve dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn’t want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—*God’s righteousness.*

I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself. If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it. I’m not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don’t get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I’ve got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I’m off and running, and I’m not turning back.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(omit Amen)*



**T**HY Gospel, Jesus, we believe,  
 And for thy help we pray,  
 That we in thought and word and deed,  
 Thy Gospel may obey. Amen.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:1-8)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days before Passover, Jesus entered Bethany where Lazarus, so recently raised from the dead, was living. Lazarus and his sisters invited Jesus to dinner at their home.

Martha served. Lazarus was one of those sitting at the table with them. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive aromatic oils, anointed and massaged Jesus' feet, and then wiped them with her hair. The fragrance of the oils filled the house.

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, "Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces." He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.

Jesus said, "Let her alone. She's anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don't always have me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Repeat the Gospel Acclamation** (*omit Amen*)

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

*A period of silence is kept after the sermon*

**Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world, saying "God, in your mercy, **Renew us.**"

For the whole Church of God, and for all its members:

May the Church truly become the unified body of Christ, hearing and living out God's call in the world. We pray for all baptized Christians in their ministries, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For our nation and every nation:

May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another's differences and autonomy. May all leaders be ever mindful of their responsibilities to their own people and others in the world. We pray for our President, Congress, Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For this community and all communities:

May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disasters find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit; and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison; for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember especially **Dick Creek, Betsy S., Glenda, Phyllis, Anne, Clayton, Sandy McIntyre, Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barb, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sherry, Emily, Sabina, Jean Richards, and J.A. Brown.**

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all the blessings of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries, and birthdays (especially **Chloe Colyar**), and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for all other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud...

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all who have died: May those who now live in the joy of God's presence find their rest in God's peace.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

[The Celebrant will add a concluding collect.]

**The Peace**

*Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.*

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem, *God So Love the World***

John Stainer

**Doxology**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please remember that there are no Alleluias during Lent.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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**Sanctus #S124**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Agnus Dei #S161**



## **The Communion of the People**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so in one of two ways that align with our updated Diocesan guidelines. If you choose to drink from the chalice, after consuming the bread, please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide it to your lips by holding the chalice by its base.*

*Alternatively, you may receive the wine by intinction by handing the bread to the Eucharistic Minister who will dip the host into the consecrated wine and hand it back to you. It is available to all but required of none.*

**Communion Hymn #701, "Jesus, all my gladness"**

*Jesu, meine Freude*

**Hymn #474, "When I survey the wondrous cross"**

(if needed)

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**The Solemn Prayer over the people**

*(Please kneel or bow as you are able.)*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

**Please be seated for brief announcements.**

**Closing Hymn #610, "Lord, whose love through humble service"**

*Blaenhafren*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude: *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux***

*Louis-Nicolas Clerambault*



## Service Participants

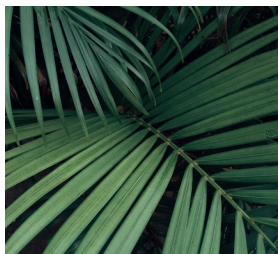
*Celebrant:* The Rev. Kathryn L. King  
*Preacher:* The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg  
*Verger:* Clayton Smith  
*Chalice:* Ted Griffin  
*Acolytes:* 8:00 – Dick Hewson      10:15 – Evan Veenboer  
*Lectors:* 8:00 – Katharine Benziger 10:15 – Jeremy Lees, Meg Beresik  
*Altar Guild:* Lois Eberhart, Barbara Murray

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Series 2025** There are two identical sessions held each week, and you may choose the one that meets your schedule best, either 10:30 AM or 6 PM (the latter will include a soup and salad potluck meal). Our remaining session meets on April 9.



**Lent Evening Prayer** We continue to offer Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. This 20-minute office provides a way to mark the end of the business of the daytime and enter into the quieter close of the day. Stop by on your way home or on your way out to supper.



**Palm Sunday** Next Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday. We will gather in the Memorial Garden—weather permitting—to begin the liturgy. Waving palms, the children will join in the procession into the church. As the adults settle in their pews, the children will head to Sunday School for a special program. After service, all are welcome to enjoy a **pancake breakfast** at Coffee Hour!

**United Thank Offering** The little blue boxes are now available for your thankful offerings. This is an opportunity for us to turn our many blessings into blessings for others. Please support this important ministry that provides aid in the form of grants to the Episcopal Church and the provinces of the Anglican Community throughout the world. Our Ingathering will be later in the Spring.

**Parish Movie Night, Friday, April 11,** 6:30 PM in Bristol Hall. Join with family and friends to view *Chariots of Fire*, the 1981 historical drama based on the true story of two British athletes in the 1924 Olympics. Eric Liddell, a devout Christian, and Harold Abrahams, a devout Jew, face decisions of faith. A film appropriate for anyone, especially those who have competed in sports (or cheered on someone who has). Movie snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your camp chair for a comfy seat.

**Spring Clean-up Day, Saturday, April 12,** 9 AM to Noon. Please bring gloves, rakes, and pruning shears (if you have them) to work on our lovely grounds. We also need helpful hands to polish and spruce up our indoor spaces in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. All ages and skills are needed. Come and do what you can for as long as you can. Lunch (Jersey Mike's subs) will be provided at 11:30 AM!

**Easter Baskets for St. Gregory's Pantry** We will again be supporting the distribution of Easter baskets through St. Gregory's. Suggestions for items to include and age groupings are available near the sign-up bulletin board. **Please return filled baskets by Sunday, April 13** so they can be transported to St. Gregory's in time for the distribution days. Thank you.



**Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation** I believe that All Saints will be scheduled for an official visitation by Bishop Sally French, within the next 6 to 8 months. That will be a wonderful opportunity for us to present adults for the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

**Confirmation** - the rite whereby those baptized at a young age make a mature affirmation of their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

**Reception** - the rite whereby those baptized and Confirmed in another tradition present themselves to the Bishop to be received into the Episcopal Church.

**Reaffirmation** - the rite that provides an opportunity for anyone already Confirmed to Reaffirm their Christian commitment. This is done for many reasons, which may include: having left the church for a period and returning, having had a particular growth in faith that one would like to recognize, and even simply as a practice undertaken as a regular part of a personal faith journey.

If your interest is awakened by any of these, or you would like to learn more, please speak with me. I would welcome the opportunity to work with anyone who is interested in preparing for any of these milestones. *Kathryn+*

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**About the translation of the Bible we are using for  
Lent 2025 . . . .**

The goal of *The Message*, by Eugene Peterson, is to engage people in the reading process and help them understand what they read. This is not a study Bible, but rather a reading Bible. The original books of the Bible were not written in formal language. *The Message* tries to recapture the Word in the words we use today. I hope you'll appreciate and embrace the shift. You might really like it, or you may not. That's OK. It will give us even more to talk about!

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