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Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

## **A Service of the Holy Eucharist Fifth Sunday in Lent**

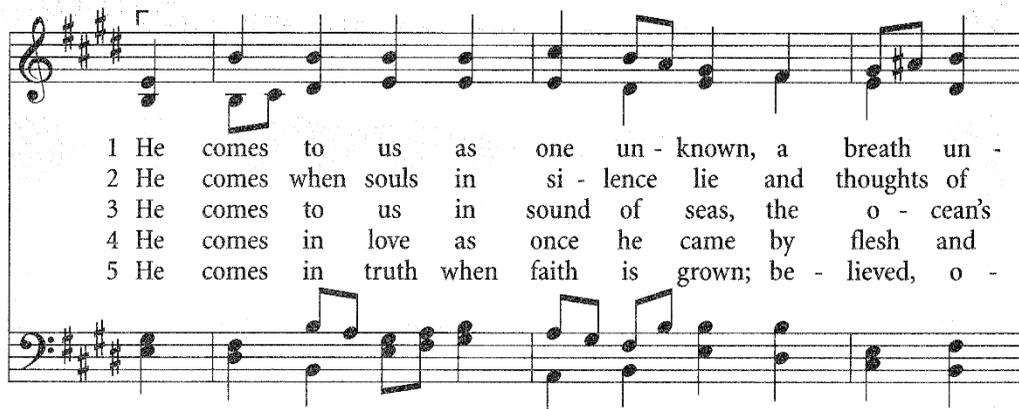
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seeking and welcoming others to join us in our journey of faith

WELCOME

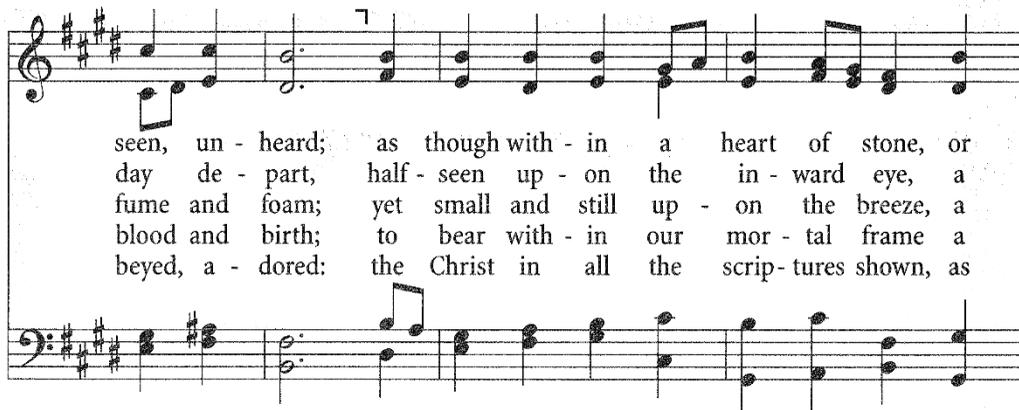
THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN 456

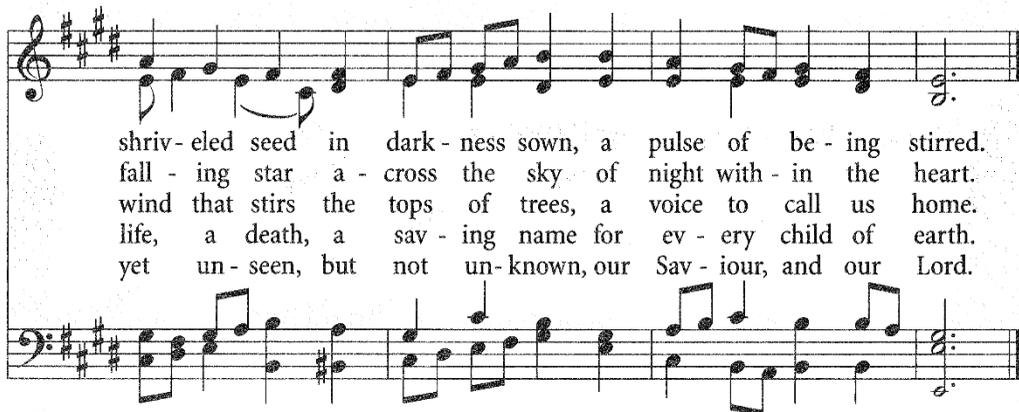
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN



1 He comes to us as one un - known, a breath un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o -



seen, un - heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or  
day de - part, half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a  
fume and foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a  
blood and birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a  
beyed, a - dored: the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as



shriv - eled seed in dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
fall - ing star a - cross the sky of night with - in the heart.  
wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home.  
life, a death, a sav - ing name for ev - ery child of earth.  
yet un - seen, but not un - known, our Sav - iour, and our Lord.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The celebrant shall say,*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Reader*    The word of the Lord

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

*Said by all.*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my **voice**; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-**cation**.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done a-**miss**, \*  
O Lord, who could **stand**?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with **you**; \*  
therefore you shall be **feared**.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for **him**; \*  
in his word is my **hope**.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the **morning**, \*  
more than watchmen for the **morning**.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the **Lord**, \*  
for with the Lord there is **mercy**;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re-**demption**, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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* The word of the Lord.

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

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing—  
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me—

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me!

THE GOSPEL *All remain standing.*

John 11:1-45

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Joseph Dirbas

NICENE CREED

*BAS 188*

*All stand*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*BAS 110*

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

*Leader* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. On our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Deanery of Royal City/South Burnaby, All Saints, Mission, and the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. We pray for Shane our Primate, John our Archbishop and Metropolitan, and for our own clergy. And we pray for the bishop, clergy and people of our companion Diocese of Northern Philippines and our partner parishes, St. Michael the Archangel, Guina-ang, St. Joseph Church, Mainit, and Holy Trinity Mission, Dalican. For all bishops, clergy, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those we remember in our parish this morning: Beatrice Cripps, Susan Cummings, John Davison, Helen Davison, Carol De Boeck and for those who travel by land, water, or air; for the sick and the suffering, including Azhar Joseph and all those on our parish prayer list; and for those you remember silently or aloud; for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, for the faithful departed in our memorial book; Carmen Avery, Millicent Porter, Shirley Hinchey, Doris M'Guinness, Herbert Watkins, Doris Hanslow, Gilbert Stroyan, Ernest Billing, Ernie Lewis, Lloyd Kirkwood, Bert Jones, Honor Prince, Iris Baker, Eva Baker, Wilfred Sharpe, Elizabeth Neale, Jim Archer, Donna Shultz and for those you remember silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord.**

*The leader continues*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BAS 192

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

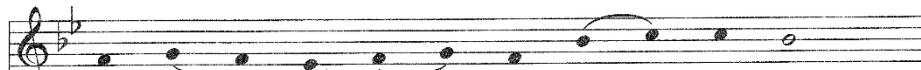
*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

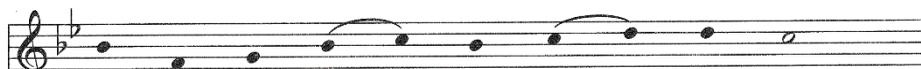
OFFERTORY

HYMN 638

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS (1)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, by whose breath  
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source,  
 3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown;  
 4 Flood our dull sens - es with your light;  
 5 From in - ner strife grant us re - lease.



life ris - es vi - brant out of death,  
 of burn - ing love the liv - ing source,  
 to us your var - ied gifts made known.  
 in mu - tual love our hearts u - nite.  
 Turn na - tions to the ways of peace.

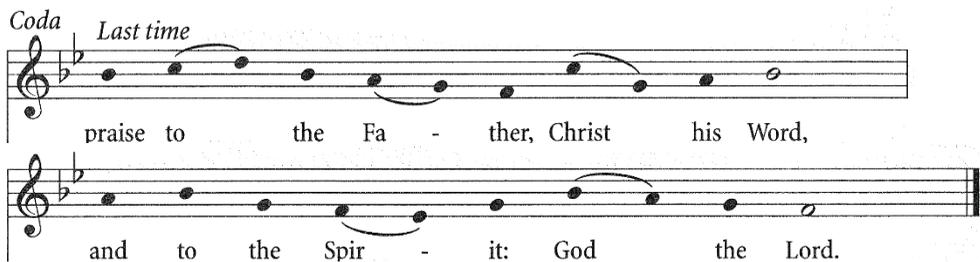


come to cre - ate, re - new, in - spire;  
 pro - tec - tor in the midst of strife,  
 Teach us to speak; teach us to hear;  
 Your power the whole cre - a - tion fills;  
 To ful - ler life your peo - ple bring,



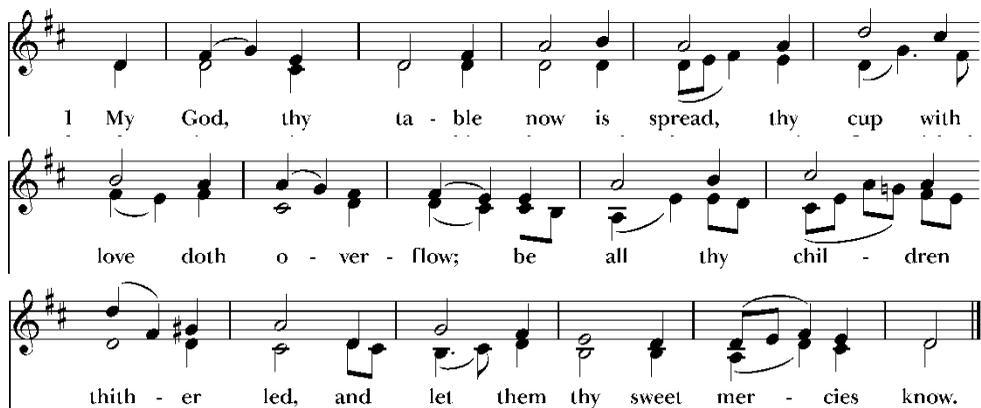
come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.  
 the giv - er and the Lord of life.  
 yours is the tongue and yours the ear.  
 con - firm our weak, un - cer - tain wills.  
 that as one bo - dy we may sing: *St. 5 to Coda*

*Coda* *Last time*



praise to the Fa - ther, Christ his Word,  
and to the Spir - it: God the Lord.

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



I My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*All remain standing. The celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*BAS 198*

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

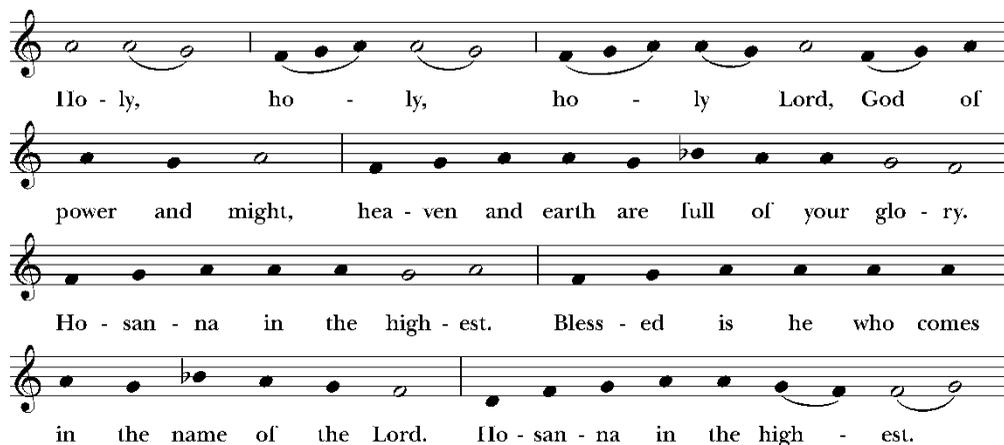
It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation, he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS

MASS 18



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power 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 celebrant continues*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

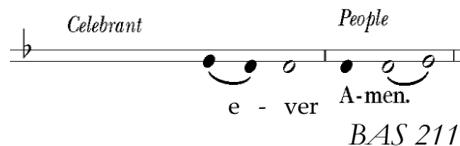
Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All*     **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*     **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*BAS 212*

*Celebrant* We break this bread,

*All*     **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

*All*     **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall  
reign with him**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and people*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

*BAS 213*

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.*

The gifts of God for the People of God  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please receive the bread by holding out your hands. To receive the wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips, or simply touch the base of the chalice if you prefer not to drink from it. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted in our diocese. All are welcome to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sides person to have Communion brought to you.*

HYMN 649

TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with  
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my  
 3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am  
 4 Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I

life a - new, that I may love what  
heart is pure, un - til my will is  
whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly  
nev - er die, but live with thee the

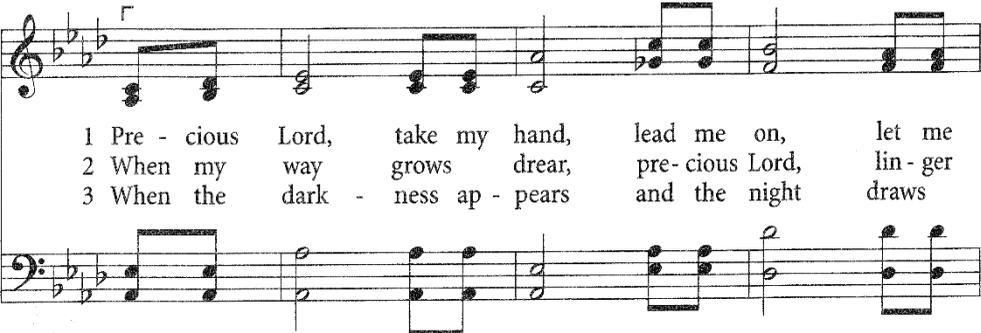
thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
one with thine to do and to en - dure.  
part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

HYMN 360

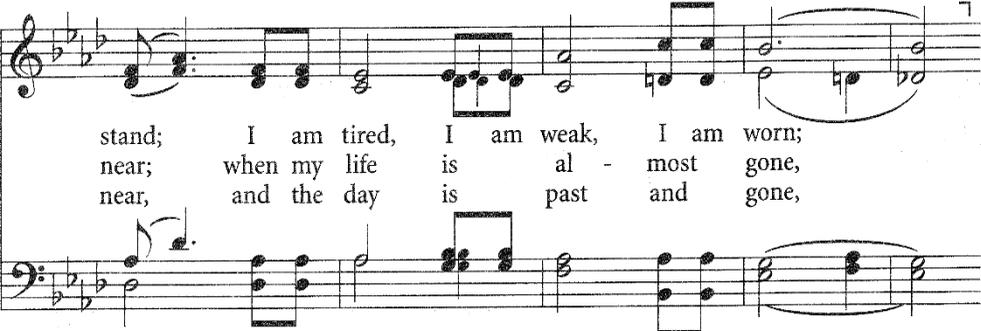
BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near; when my life is al - most gone,  
 near, and the day is past and gone,



through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I  
 at the riv - er I stand; guide my feet, hold my



light: take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 fall: take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 hand: take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand or kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *All are seated.*

### HYMN 431

BRESLAU

1 Take up your cross, the Sav- iour said, if you would  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak  
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm- ly  
5 Take up your cross and fol- low Christ, nor think till

my dis- ci- ple be; de- ny your- self, the  
soul with vain a- larm; his strength shall bear your  
fool- ish pride be still; your Lord for you en-  
ev- ery dan- ger brave: 'twill guide you to a  
death to lay it down; for on- ly those who

world for- sake, and hum- bly fol- low af- ter me.  
spir- it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
dured to die up- on a cross, on Cal- vary's hill.  
bet- ter home and lead to vic- tory o'er the grave.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo- rious crown.

*All remain standing.*

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the celebrant says*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*BAS 215*

*The priest dismisses the congregation*

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

*All remain standing for the retiring procession*

## POSTLUDE

### PARISH PRAYER LIST:

#### For health, wellness, support, and comfort:

Azahar, Fran, Nancy, Don, Marlene, Dianne, Sandy, Jane, John, Priscilla, Oakley, Hayley, Peter, Lynne, Sherrill, Alexandra, Anthony, Catherine, Nora, Bill, Susan, Tricia, Jacob, Alison, Stephanie

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
<b>Server</b>	Karyn Eisler
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
<b>Organist</b>	Ülo Valdma
<b>Music Director</b>	Maria Golas
<b>Greeters</b>	Richard & Susanna Hampson-Thorpe
<b>Welcome</b>	Jacqueline Sephton
<b>First Reader</b>	Linda Ingham
<b>Second Reader</b>	Julianne Hayes
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Veronica Wright
<b>Livestream Guild</b>	Andrew Kendrick
<b>Coffee Set-up</b>	Gerard & Mary Ponsford
<b>Coffee Clean-up</b>	Gerard & Mary Ponsford
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Richard & Susanna Hampson-Thorpe

**Please join us for coffee and tea in Griffiths Hall. If you are joining us for the first, time, please ask for directions.**

## **Spaghetti and Bingo Night – THANK YOU**

Special thanks to all who made our inaugural spaghetti and bingo night so much fun!

### **Lent Book Study**

Our Lenten Book Study and Soup Lunch concludes this week, **Wednesday, March 25 at noon**. All are welcome.

### **Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation – Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.**

Join us as we celebrate the angel Gabriel's message to Mary. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dara Crandall, Curate at St. Mark's Ocean Park.

### **Lenten Pilgrimage**

Join us on **Saturday, March 28** for a 7km walk through White Rock and South Surrey. We'll meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. Our route will bring us back to church where we will enjoy hot cross buns and fellowship. Please sign up in the office so we know to expect you.

### **Palm Cross Making – March 28 at noon**

All are invited to join us for constructing the palm crosses we bless and distribute on Palm Sunday.

### **Easter Eggs and Candy**

We're preparing for our annual Easter egg hunt. Donations of pre-wrapped candy or plastic eggs can be dropped off in the office. Thank you!

### **EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS**

We are now accepting offerings for Easter flowers which will decorate the church for our beautiful Easter services. A donation of \$10.00 or more can be added to the envelopes in the pews and you can identify the intention of your donation. Flower dedications can also be made on our website [www.holytrinitywhiterock.ca/flower-donation](http://www.holytrinitywhiterock.ca/flower-donation) You can also donate to the Easter flowers at the church office or through e-Transfer. All donations and intentions received by April 1 will be noted in our Easter service bulletins.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**March 29, 8 and 10 a.m.** – Palm Sunday with procession and the Passion Gospel.

**April 2, 7 p.m.** – Maundy Thursday with foot washing the celebration of Holy Eucharist

**April 3, noon** – Good Friday with veneration of the cross and Holy Communion

**April 4, 8 p.m.** – Easter Vigil with the lighting of the new fire, Exultet, baptisms, and the first Eucharist of Easter

**April 5, 8 and 10 a.m.** – Easter Sunday

### **Looking Ahead – Games Night – April 11, 5:30 – 8 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for a family fun night of games and quizzes with pizza and refreshments. More details to come!

### **Stations of the Cross – Fridays at Noon**

During Lent we will be praying the stations of the cross every Friday at noon. Join us!

### **Bible Study**

We will read Jesus' prayer for him, his disciples, and the church (John Chapter 17) on Tuesday, March 24. We meet in the library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

# WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.” Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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## Holy Trinity Newsletter

Sign up now there are two ways: let Bonnie know and we'll add you to the list or sign up online. Visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/H4PSlh4> or simply scan the QR code.



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