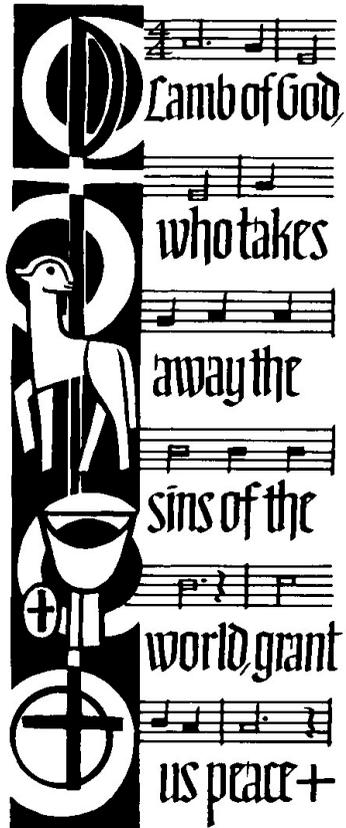


Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Welcome

Welcome to 'Old Durham' Church. However you got here, whatever your background, you are welcome here for worship, service, and fellowship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The church is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, and has been feeding souls on this site for over 350 years. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's love, peace, and hope here. As Christians in the Anglican tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and in the Book of Common Prayer, which for centuries has united Christians all over the world in a common, ever-evolving, format of prayer and worship.

You, the members of the congregation, play an important role in our worship; please follow along in this leaflet and speak your parts with confidence. The hymns we sing this morning will be found in this leaflet or in the blue hymnal in the pews. We worship every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM. There is an adult Christian formation class most Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall, and we are up to all sorts of other things during the week.

Our historic church building has no running water. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall, across the parking lot from the church.

All directions to stand and kneel are to be understood "as able." The Church understands kneeling as a posture of humility and penitence, and standing as a posture of respect. As Lent is a penitential season, it is appropriate to kneel (as one is able) for prayer during Lent. According to long-standing custom, "Alleluia" does not form part of the worship of the Church in Lent.

The Great Litany

The people stand as they are able.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #67 The Great Litany

The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the


devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)


Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant

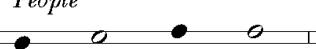
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

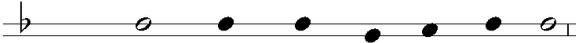
Officiant

O Christ, hear us.

People

O Christ, hear us.

When the litany is sung immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyries (which may be sung to any setting), and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation and the Collect of the day.

On all other occasions, the Litany continues as follows:



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

or

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord

swore to our ancestors to give us.”⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us,⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #413
Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

BCP p. 719

Qui habitat

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.

8b

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #150 Forty days and forty nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

After his baptism ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you

I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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.

Confession of Sin

All say together

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

The Bishop or Priest then says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

De-commissioning of Retiring Vestry Member

Rector Bill, you were called by the people of God, to serve them as a member of the vestry of this parish. You answered their call. You have been faithful in attendance at meetings. You have been a responsible steward of the congregation's resources. You have considered our future course and

your views have informed our planning. You have led by example, especially in attendance at worship and in sharing your time, talent, and treasure with Christ's church. Now, others must step forward to take your place among the leaders of this congregation. As you leave the vestry, we thank you for your service, saying with Jesus, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We offer you our prayers and our support as you move on in the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And we ask you to reaffirm your commitment to this parish as a fitting capstone to the duty you have so faithfully discharged.

Bill, do you reaffirm your commitment as a member of this congregation?"

Member

I do.

Rector

Will you seek new ways to serve Christ in his church?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you continue to support the work of this parish with your time, talent, and treasure?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you refrain from meddling, and offer advice and counsel to the next vestry only when asked?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you reject gossip and backbiting about your successors, and respect the integrity of their efforts?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you respect the confidentiality of the new vestry's deliberations, and be content to learn about such matters when the rest of the parish does?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you keep confidential those matters that were entrusted to you in confidence during your tenure on the vestry?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you trust the Spirit to work through our newly elected Rectors to guide this parish and all its members in their life and work?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will you continue to pray for this parish, its members, its clergy, and its vestry?

Member

I will, with God's help.

Rector

O God, who sent your Son to show us that the last shall be first and that the one who would be greatest must be the least, help your servant Bill, who has been a faithful member of the vestry of this parish, find new ways to exercise ministry and leadership in your church. Help him to keep the promises made here today before you. Grant that he, free from the burdens of this office, might discover anew the joy of our Christian faith. Inspire him to be supportive of and helpful to those who take his place on the vestry. And grant that he, along with all good and faithful stewards within your kingdom, may enter into your joy, in this life and in the life hereafter. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

All *The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.*

Sponsor I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Member of the Vestry in this congregation.

All *I am your servant; grant me understanding, that I may know your decrees.*

Rector Do you believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation?

Members-elect *I do.*

Rector Do you yield your assent and approbation to the doctrine, worship, and discipline of The Episcopal Church?

Members-elect *I do.*

Rector Do you promise to faithfully execute the office of member of the Vestry of Durham Parish according to your best knowledge and skill?

Members-elect *I do.*

Rector In the Name of God and of this congregation. I commission you, Dian, and you, Jean, as Members of the Vestry of Durham Parish and give you this book of meditations and prayers as a token of your ministry.

Let us pray. (Silence) O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their

counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All *The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Priest says

I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

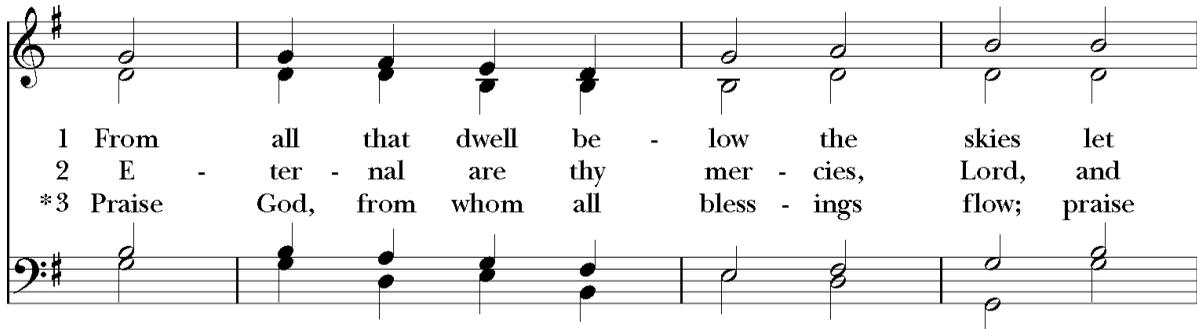
Offertory Anthem: In Remembrance of Me

The congregation remains seated while the offering is collected during the Offertory Hymn or Anthem

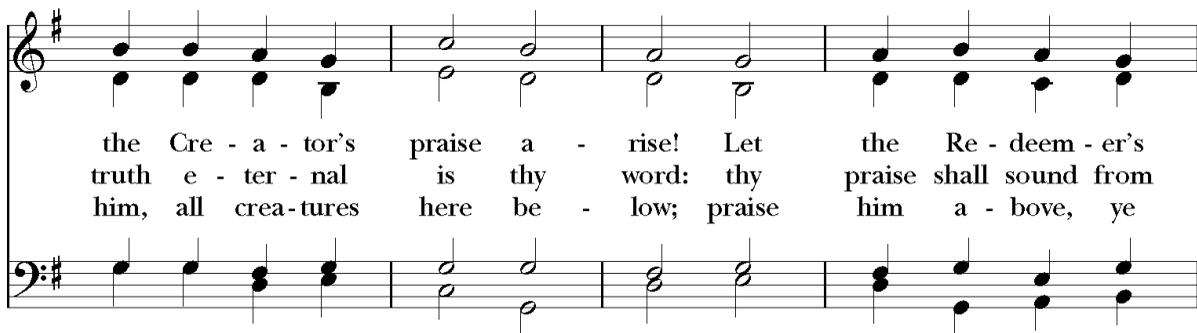
The congregation stands while the offering is presented at the altar during the Presentation Anthem

Presentation Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #380 From all that dwell below the skies, verse 3



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some eighth-note movement in the bass line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system continues the melody. The treble clef part has a long note with a fermata over the word "might,". The bass line continues with chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,".

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system continues the melody. The treble clef part has a long note with a fermata over the word "might,". The bass line continues with chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are".

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system concludes the melody. The treble clef part has a long note with a fermata over the word "full,". The bass line continues with chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

+ Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and + make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #146



Lord's Prayer

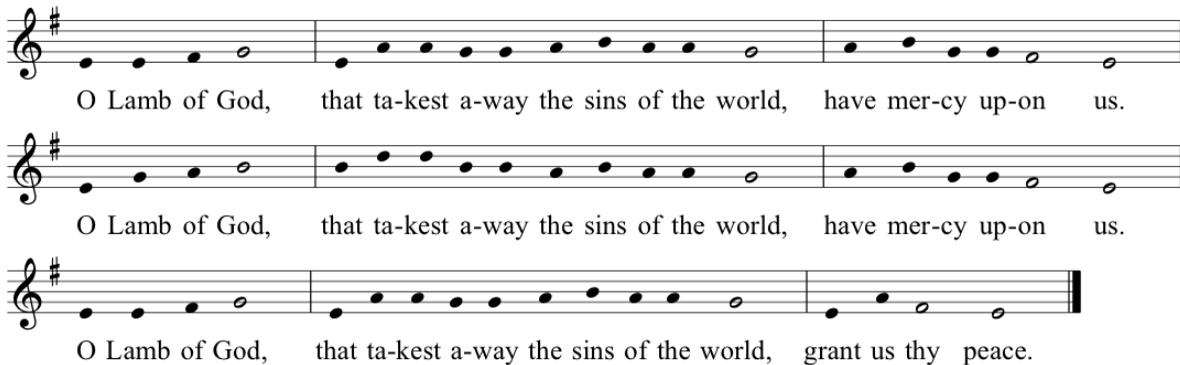
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The People are invited to Communion

Behold what you are; may you become what you receive.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine. All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome to come to the altar rail to share in this meal of life. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion. The first (larger) cup has wine and the second (smaller) cup has grape juice. You may drink or intinct from either. The bread will be placed in your hand. You may either, (1) Eat the bread and drink from the cup which follows; or (2) Hold the bread, dipping it in the cup and then eating the bread. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms after receiving the bread.

If you prefer to receive Communion at your seat in the pew, we will be happy to bring it to you.

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer over the People

The Bishop or Priest says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #147 Now let us all with one accord



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Prayer List

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Mabel Bowie, Linda Buffalo, Chris Busey, Chuck Busey.

...for those who travel or are absent for a time: June and Gary Leyland; Cindy Shoemaker.

...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad: Mike Busey, Christopher Walker, Steven Mattingly, Sam Gray, Wes Dyson, Michael Petrusic, and Thomas J. Hunt.

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Lindy Lynch; Arnold Taylor; Our continuing prayers are offered for: Missy Bowie; Chris Bowie; Conor Doyle; George Dyson; Butch Helwig; Carol Hindle; Dian Lockamy; Buddy Linton; Sam Linton; Rhonda McGraw; Jeanne Read; Jean Santora; Rose Speake; Joan Shoemaker; Roy Squires; Tom Saxton; Luci Wright.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Grace Church, Georgetown; Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish.

The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu.

Announcements

Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, OldDurham.org. You can view them in the calendar (look under "About Us" in the upper left) or view the service bulletin via the "Bulletin Announcements" button.

Adult Forum: Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion.

The Pastoral Care Team will meet in the Parish Hall after church.

The Ladies Mites will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 12 at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Joe's Place Food Pantry distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are March 14 and 28. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

Healing Service on March 17. This service of Holy Eucharist will include the laying on of hands and anointing with prayers for healing. These services are held approximately 3 times per year.

The Altar Guild will meet after church on March 17.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will meet Thursday, Mar 21 at 6pm and Wednesday, Mar 27 at 2:30pm.

Parish Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd.

Bishop's Visitation: The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Washington, will worship with us on March 24th.

Finance Committee meets March 24th after church.

The Vestry will meet on March 27th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Fish Fry! The Men's Group will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 29th from 5 to 7pm.

Planning for Your Future in Glory (aka, end of life planning): On March 30 and April 6, Saturdays from 9am to 12pm, you are invited to join us for a free two-part series offering information that will help your loved ones understand and honor your wishes at your death. There will be presentations by medical, legal, funeral home, and spiritual authorities. The March 30 session will be held at St. James', Indian Head; the April 6 session will be held here at Durham in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Deacon Susan.

Morning Prayer: If you are interested in learning to lead Morning Prayer, please come to an informal workshop that Rev. Catharine will lead after church on March 31st.

Safeguarding God's Children: The spring training sessions for Safeguarding God's Children have been scheduled. This training is recommended for all church leaders. Safeguarding God's Children provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. Registration is open for all workshops through May, and can be found at <https://www.edow.org/forms-and-resources/safe-church>, or looking under Resources and Forms>Safe Church on the diocesan website, edow.org. The Southern Maryland training session will be held Saturday, April 13: St. Andrews, Leonardstown, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There is also a session on May 9 in Hyattsville.

Diocesan News: If you are not receiving the Diocese of Washington's newsletter, you might want to sign up for it. It typically contains a reflection from Bishop Mariann along with news about diocesan plans and events, as well as functions at other parishes. Especially now with the diocese entering into a strategic planning process, there's a lot to keep up with! Sign up under News and Events on the diocesan webpage, www.edow.org

Job listing: Parish Administrator (part-time), St. Thomas Croom, Upper Marlboro: The Parish Administrator of St. Thomas Parish is responsible for three areas of work: facility management, parish communications, and general administrative functions. Other duties may be assigned. Reporting to the Rector (or Priest-in-Charge), the PA works closely with and provides support services to the Rector and others. The PA may be assisted by volunteers. (\$20/hr - 20 hrs/week) Email resume, cover letter, and contact information for two references to the Rev. Peter Antoci: pmantoci@gmail.com

Observing a Holy Lent

Lent is a season in the church for "self-examination and repentance; [for] prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and [for] reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 265). Among the many options for observing a holy Lent are a couple that you might try out alongside other parishioners this year:

- you could follow 'Lent Madness' and have fun learning about our ancestors in the faith; or

- you could follow the wellness-themed daily devotional program, “Living Well through Lent;” or
- you could construct your own personal Rule of Life using the ‘Growing a Rule’ program resources. (This program might also be a good fit for a small group in Easter season—speak to Rev. Catharine if you are interested.)

Copies of the materials for all three of these programs are available in the back of the church. We will maintain a ‘Lent Madness’ bracket in the Parish Hall; check it out over by the rocking chairs. Whatever you choose (and the wise person will probably not try to do all of these things!), taking Lent seriously is a valuable part of the spiritual life.

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - TURN

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, selfgiving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple (known as the catechumenate), we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. This resource, which ties the Easter Vigil lessons to the seven practices of the Way of Love, encourages Episcopalians and others to reflect on salvation history; walk toward the empty tomb; and embrace the transforming reality of love, life, and liberation. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Romans 6:3-11

For the ancient Church, the Easter Vigil was the night when catechumens (those who had been studying for months in preparation of their baptisms) would enter into the waters of new birth and emerge members of Christ’s body, the Church.

Our current baptismal practices rarely do justice to the drama that those nights would contain. We have evidence that catechumens would be asked to stand on a hair-shirt (a mark of penitence), confess their sins, and renounce Satan and all the forces of wickedness that drew them from the love of God. As they did so, they would turn toward the West – the direction associated with death, since the sun always sets over the western horizon. Then, they would *TURN* and face the East – the direction of new life and resurrection.

As they watched the sun begin to rise, they would make their profession of faith and walk into the large font. Indeed, the fonts would likely have been shaped as crosses or sarcophagi (a larger, more elaborate casket) to call to mind Paul’s words about being buried with Christ in baptism. A jar of oil would be poured over their heads, and they would be dressed in a gleaming white garment. Finally, they would be ushered into another room where all their Christian brothers and sisters would greet them. The room was lit with the new fire of Easter, and they were invited to taste their first Eucharist.

The drama and mystery of the moment are palpable even now, and it is no wonder that this ancient rite has been adopted into our modern Easter practices and every baptism. In our baptism, we have turned from a life of sin and begun to walk the Way of Love back to God. In our baptism, we have turned from death itself and been joined with Christ in his

everlasting life. And in our baptism, we have turned from living a life alone and have become one with the whole Church as members of the Body of Christ.

REFLECT: In his letter to the Romans, Paul lays out his theological belief that baptism is the *turning* point in our new life with Christ. It is the time that we leave the life of sin and death behind us to be born to life that is eternal. What are the places in your life that need to be turned back to God so that new life can break forth?

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