

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021



MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Prelude *When on the Cross the Savior Stood.* BWV 621

When Jesus on the Cross was found,
His Body pierced with many a Wound,
With Torture very bitter;
The dying Words, which He then spake,
With a still Heart consider.

He who God's Pains in Honour has,
To whom our Saviour gives the Grace
To be in Heart possessing
And weigh these seven Gospel Words,
Enjoys a noble Blessing.

Deep listening reveals Bach's understanding of chorale texts that take us to places that we did not intend to go. This chorale prelude presents the mournful melody in the soprano, yet it is the rhythmic and melodic symbolism of the alto, tenor and bass that unsettles the listener. Bach seeks to depict Christ's true suffering on the cross. We hear each weakening breath as the ever-descending scales attempt to rise again, only to plummet further over a syncopated pedal that provides weakness rather than strength.

Greetings and Announcements

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Absolution

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Morning Psalm Deus, Deus meus

Psalm 63:1-8

*O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might
behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall
give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your
Name.*

*My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.*

The Psalm Appointed 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the Lord is clear
 and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
 and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah Quærite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *

and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *

and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *

nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *

so are my ways higher than your ways,

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *

and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *

seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *

it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Homily

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3. Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight. Be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r. Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. "*True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

This day we remember those who are ill or suffering especially Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, Jack, Karla, John, Eddie, and those we mention now either silently or aloud.

We remember those who have died, especially those we mention now either silently or aloud.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 518(1982) *Christ is made the sure foundation*

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our

lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 94(VF) v. 1, 4, 5 *In boldness, look to God*

1. In boldness, look to God for help, like women folk who dared: to ask that Jess heal a child, that crumbs of grace be shard, that outcast ones be welcomed to the feast God has prepared.
2. In boldness, lean on God for strength, and healing from disease, of mind and body, heart and will, whose bondage Jesus frees. Reach out and touch the hem of Christ, and gather spirit's ease.
3. In boldness, learn of God the truth of Mary's better part: by fear and censure undeterred, determined in her heart to kneel at Jesus' feet and learn the wisdom he imparts.
4. In boldness, love, nor count the cost. Confront the world's harsh stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and wiped them with her hair, poured perfume to anoint her Lord, and left love's fragrance there.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

Postlude

Our Father Who Art in Heaven.

BWV 636

Our Father in the heaven Who art,
Who tellest all of us in heart
Brothers to be, and on Thee call,
And wilt have prayer from us all,
Grant that the mouth not only pray,
From deepest heart oh help its way.

Amen, that is, let this come true!
Strengthen our faith ever anew,
That we may never be in doubt
Of that we here have prayed about.
In Thy name, trusting in Thy word.
We say a soft Amen, O Lord.

Martin Luther's paraphrase of "The Lord's Prayer" personalizes the text for the Lutheran liturgy in a direct and intimate manner. Bach's setting of the chorale melody is direct and unadorned, yet profoundly mystical. The melody in the soprano is accompanied by the lower three voices exchanging a four-note motive that symbolizes the four points of the cross i.e., two vertical notes and two horizontal notes.

Announcements:

The vestry has deliberated and voted to keep the church building closed for the time being. Services will continue to be streamed via Facebook Live on Wednesday at 12PM and Sunday at 9AM.

Upcoming Lenten Organ Meditations: 4 PM on Facebook Live

March 7th

March 14th

March 28th

Lutheran Sunday is March 21st. We hope all will participate as we continue to pray via Facebook Live.

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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 28TH
PALM SUNDAY

9 AM Facebook Live



MARCH 29TH, 30TH, & 31ST
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 1ST

7 PM via ZOOM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

w/ Saint Paul's

APRIL 2ND

GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM & 7 PM Facebook Live

APRIL 3RD

HOLY SATURDAY

10 AM Prayer & 7:30 PM Great Vigil of Easter
Facebook Live

APRIL 4TH

EASTER SUNDAY

9 AM Facebook Live



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