

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent – Laetare Sunday 22 March 2020

### An Order for Morning Prayer with the Litany According to The Book of Common Prayer, 1928 ed.

**Processional: 332**  
Spanish Chant, Arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824



1. Sa-viour, when in dust to thee Low we bow the a-dor - ing knee;  
2. By thy help-less in - fant years, By thy life of want and tears,  
3. By thine hour of dire de - spair, By thine ag - o - ny of prayer,  
4. By thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se - pul - chral stone,



When, re - pent - ant, to the skies Scarce we dare to lift our eyes;  
By thy days of sore dis - tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear and taunt and scorn;  
By the vault, whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ri - sing God;



O by all thy pains and woe Suf - fer'd once for  
By the dread mys - te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing  
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful  
O from earth to heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as -



man be - low, Bend - ing from thy throne on high,  
temp - ter's power; Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye,  
sac - ri - fice; Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry,  
cend - ed Lord, Lis - ten, lis - ten to the cry



Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!  
Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!  
Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!  
Of our sol - emn lit - a - ny!

A - men.

Robert Grant, 1815, alt.

*Minister.* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**A General Confession** (p. 6)

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

**The 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.*

**Versicles and Responses** (bottom of page 7)

*Minister.* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. [all stand]

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

**Psalm 95. Venite, exultemus** (p. 459)

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God; \* and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; \* and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts \* as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, \* proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, \* It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, \* that they should not enter into my rest.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

**Psalm 147. Laudate Dominum.** (p. 522)

PRAISE the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; \* yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem, \* and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, \* and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, \* and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; \* yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The LORD setteth up the meek, \* and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; \* sing praises upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; \* and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, \* and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; \* neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the LORD'S delight is in them that fear him, \* and put their trust in his mercy.  
Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; \* praise thy God, O Sion.  
For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, \* and hath blessed thy children within thee.  
He maketh peace in thy borders, \* and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.  
He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, \* and his word runneth very swiftly.  
He giveth snow like wool, \* and scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.  
He casteth forth his ice like morsels: \* who is able to abide his frost?  
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: \* he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.  
He showeth his word unto Jacob, \* his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.  
He hath not dealt so with any nation; \* neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [all sit]

### **The First Lesson**

#### ***Galatians 4:21-31***

TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

***Benedictus es, Domine*** (Hymn 623, BCP p. 11).

Blessed art thou, O Lord | God of • our fathers: \* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the | Name of • thy Majesty: \* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness: \* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim:

\* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of • thy kingdom: \* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: \* praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, \* and | to the Holy Ghost;

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

## The Second Lesson

### *St. John 6:1-14*

JESUS went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet. that should come into the world.

*Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.* (Hymnal 640/BCP p. 14)

BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; \* for he hath visited and redeemed • his **people**;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \* in the house of his | servant **David**;  
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, \* which have | been • since the | world began;  
That we should be saved | from our enemies, \* and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**, \* and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham, \* that | he would **give** us;  
That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies \* might | serve him • **without** fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \* all the | days of **our** life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the |  
Lord • to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people \* for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy | of our God; \* whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit•ed us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow • of death,  
\* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, \* and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, \* world without | **end**. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed** (p. 15)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.  
*Answer.* And with thy spirit.  
*Minister.* Let us pray. [all kneel]  
*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect for the 4th Sunday in Lent*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Collect for the Lenten Season*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those 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 thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Litany or General Supplication** (p. 54)

*Minister.* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

*Answer.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

*Answer.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

*Answer.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

*Answer.* Have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Answer.* Spare us, good Lord.

*Minister.* From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Answer.* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Minister.* 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;

*Answer.* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Minister.* That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

*Answer.* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
<i>Minister.</i>	That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;
<i>Answer.</i>	We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Minister.* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;  
*Answer.* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Minister.* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Answer.* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Minister.* O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;  
*Answer.* Grant us thy peace.  
*Minister.* O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;  
*Answer.* Have mercy upon us.  
*Minister.* O Christ, hear us.  
*Answer.* O Christ, hear us.  
*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Minister.* Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.

*Minister.* O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.  
*Answer.* Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

*Minister.* Let us pray.  
O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All.* O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Minister.* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*All.* O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Minister.* From our enemies defend us, O Christ.  
*Answer.* Graciously look upon our afflictions.  
*Minister.* With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.  
*Answer.* Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.  
*Minister.* Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.  
*Answer.* O Son of David, have mercy upon us.  
*Minister.* Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.  
*Answer.* Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

*Minister.* O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;



*Answer.* As we do put our trust in thee.

*Minister.* Let us pray.  
We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Additional Prayers**

**A General Thanksgiving.** (p. 19) [may be said in unison]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*2 Cor. xiii. 14.*

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

**Sermon Hymn: 400**  
Graefenberg, Johann Crueger, 1653



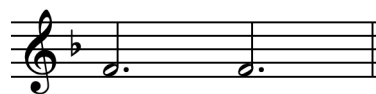
1. Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace — Our path when  
2. Bread of our souls, where - on we feed, — True man - na  
3. Pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, — And ra - diant  
4. Word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, — Will of his  
5. Lord, grant us all a - right to learn — The wis - dom



wont to stray; Stream from the fount of  
from on high; Our guide and chart, where -  
cloud by day; When waves would overwhelm our  
glo - rious Son; With - out thee how could  
it im - parts; And to its heav'n - ly



heav'n - ly grace, — Brook by the trav - 'ler's way;  
in we read — Of realms be - yond the sky;  
toss - ing bark, — Our an - chor and our stay;  
earth be trod, — Or heav'n it - self be won?  
teach - ing turn, — With sim - ple, child - like hearts.



A - men.

Bernard Barton, 1826

**The Sermon**

**Offertory Hymn: 529**  
**Racine, Roland Diggle, 1941**



1. Lord God of hosts, whose might - ty hand Do - min - ion  
 2. For those who weak and bro - ken lie In wea - ri -  
 3. For those to whom the call shall come, We pray thy  
 4. For those who min - is - ter and heal, And spend them -



holds on sea and land, In peace and war thy will we  
 ness and ag - o - ny, Great Heal - er, to their beds of  
 ten - der wel - come home; The toil, the bit - ter - ness, all  
 selves, their skill, their zeal; Re - new their hearts with Christ - like



see Sha - ping the lar - ger lib - er - ty; Na - tions may rise and  
 pain Come, touch and make them whole a - gain. O hear a peo - ple's  
 past, We trust them to thy love at last. O hear a peo - ple's  
 faith, And guard them from dis - ease and death; And in thine own good



na - tions fall, Thy change - less pur - pose rules them all.  
 prayers, and bless Thy ser - vants in their hour of stress!  
 prayers for all Who, no - bly stri - ving, no - bly fall!  
 time, Lord, send Thy peace on earth till time shall end.



A - men.

**John Oxenham, 1914**

**Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)**

**Closing Prayers**

## Retiring Procession: 59

St. Flavian, John Day's *Psalter*, 1562



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,
2. As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, And didst the vic - t'ry win,
3. As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us gra - cious Lord,
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5. A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suff - 'ring o - ver - past,



Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, And close by thee to stay. A - men.  
O give us strength in thee to fight, In thee to con - quer sin.  
To die to self, and chief - ly live By thy most ho - ly word.  
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Happy Birthday: Shannon Shehata (26 March)

Our Lenten Wednesday study series will continue this week. A new Zoom link will be sent out to those on the current interest list. Please let Beth Kubo know if you'd like to be added to the list!

Due to the current guidance, the parish work days for decorating the Church are suspended. Additional information regarding upcoming services will be sent out to the parish e-mail list and posted on our website.