

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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The First Sunday in Lent 22 February 2026

Choral Mass

The Imposition of Blessed Ashes (for those unable to attend Ash Wednesday services)

The Litany or General Supplication

BCP 54

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Processional

Hymn 55

Heinlein

M.H., in *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we thy sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us presss, Flesh or spi - rit to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad-ness our shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sa - viour dear, Ev - er con - stant by thy side;



For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed. A - men.
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as min - is - tered to thee.
That with thee we may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

George Hunt Smyttan, 1856, alt.

Introit

Collect for Purity

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Summary of the Law

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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 702

John Merbecke, 1549



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

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

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O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for the Lenten Season

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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.*

The Lesson

I Kings 8:33-36

When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

Psalm 51

Miserere mei, Deus

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HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

² Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my faults, * and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

⁶ But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts, * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

⁷ Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

⁹ Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

¹⁰ Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

¹² O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

¹³ Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

¹⁵ Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

¹⁶ For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

¹⁸ O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

The Epistle

II Corinthians 6:1-10

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BRETHREN: We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain; (for he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of

salvation;) giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gradual and Tract

The Gospel

St. Matthew 4:1-11

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time ; Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake

by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn
Beecher

Hymn **304**
John Zundel, 1870



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than
3. For the love of God is___ broad - er Than the mea - sure



of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his___ just - ice,
up in___ heav'n; There is no place where earth's fail - ings
of man's mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal



Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
Have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n. There is plen - ti -
Is most won - der - ful - ly___ kind. If our love were



for the__ sin - ner, And more gra - ces for the__ good;
ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
but more sim - ple, We should take him at his__ word;



There is mer - cy with the Sa - viour; There is heal - ing in his blood.___
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the__ Head.
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet - ness of the__ Lord.

Frederick William Faber, 1862

Sermon

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

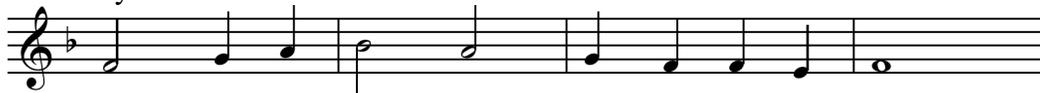
Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

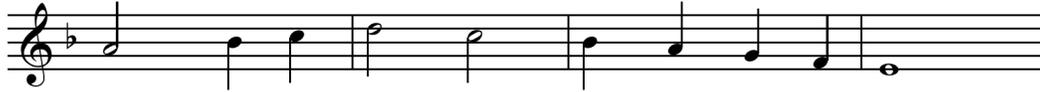
Hymn 536

Old Hundred Twenty-Fourth

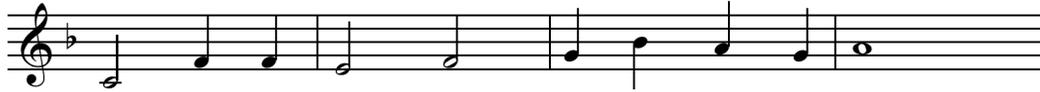
Louis Bourgeois, 1551



1. Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways.
 2. Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise.
 3. Earth shall be fair, and all her peo - ple one:



Old now is earth, and none may count her days,
 Age af - ter age, their tra - gic em - pires rise,
 Nor 'til that hour shall God's whole will be done.



Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
 Built while they dream, and in that dream - ing weep:
 Now, e - ven now, once more from earth to sky



Still wilt not hear thine in - ner God pro - claim,
 Would man but wake from out his haunt - ed sleep,
 Peals forth in joy man's old, un - daunt - ed cry,

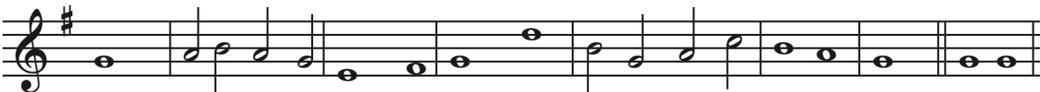


"Turn back, O man, for - swear thy fool - ish ways."
 "Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise."
 "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

Clifford Bax, 1919

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers**Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most

grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface of Lent

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 796

John Merbecke, 1549

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
 Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722
 Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.



Thy will be done, On earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.



And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



A - men. —

The Fracture

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn 706
 John Merbecke, 1549



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.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Woodworth

Hymn 409, 3rd Tune

William B. Bradbury, 1849



1. Just as I am, with - out__ one plea, But that__ thy blood was
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With ma - ny a con - flict,
3. Just as I am, poor, wretch-ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing
4. Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; Wilt wel - come, par - don,
5. Just as I am, thy love un - known Has bro - ken eve - ry
6. Just as I am, of thy__ great love The breadth, length, depth, and



shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee__
ma - ny a doubt; Fight - ings and fears__ with - in, with - out,__
of the mind, Yea, all I need,__ in thee to find,__
cleanse, re - lieve, Be - cause thy pro - mise I be - lieve,__
bar - rier down; Now to be thine,__ yea, thine a - lone,__
height to prove, Here for a sea - son, then a - bove:_____



O Lamb of God, I come, I come. A - men.

Charlotte Elliott, 1836, alt.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Spires

Hymn 61

J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e - brate with
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing God who
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - er'd from the
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be Full oft in fast and
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, To thee be ev - ery



songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all things were made, Him -
gave the law; And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came The
li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came The
prayer with thee; Our spi - rit strength - en with thy grace, And
prayer ad - drest, Who art in three - fold Name a - dored, From



self has fast - ed and has prayed. A - men.
steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
give us joy to see thy face.
age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Latin, 6th cent., Tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Announcements

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Sermon

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Litanist and Lector

Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders

Epistoler

Robert Jones

Acolytes

Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager

Acolyte in Training

Evan Sears

Altar Guild

Beth Kubo

Zoom Wrangler

Landon Melamed

Blessed Ashes will be administered prior to the beginning of Mass for all unable to receive them at the Ash Wednesday evening Mass.

Deacon John Yeager still awaits heart valve replacement and will be away yet a few more weeks. Please keep him in your prayers!

Blessed Ashes will be imposed prior to the Litany at today's Mass for any who were unable to receive them on Ash Wednesday and wish to receive them this morning.

The Midweek Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 am (St. Matthias & Ember Wednesday)

Happy Birthday!

Beth Kubo (28 Feb)

Our thanks once again to Gretchen Martin for hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, and Nancy Jones and Debbie Ruiz.

Lenten Wednesday Study Class on Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m. There is a roster in the Parish Hall for Volunteers to sign up to offer use of your homes for the classes. We need a member to Volunteer for THIS WEDNESDAY, please! Dates for our Lenten meetings: February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, and 25th. Volunteers need to indicate, when they sign up, whether they prefer to host a potluck supper, or as we did last year to host a ‘desserts only’ evening. There is also space at the bottom of the list for names of those who plan to be present for the Lenten study.

We will study a book entitled The Miracles Among Us by Dr. Marc Siegel. Dr. Siegal is a senior medical analyst for Fox News, a professor of medicine and practicing internist. He is a contributor to USA Today, The Hill, and the Wall Street Journal. His book is presently in hard cover at \$20.98-29.99 and as an eBook for \$14.99 and is available at Barnes and Noble ([ebook](#), [hc](#)) and Amazon ([link](#)).

If you wish to avail yourself of a Private Confession during Lent, make an appointment with Bishop for a time convenient to you.