

THE FALLS CHURCH

an Episcopal congregation

*A welcoming community called to be an enduring
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Psalm-Prelude, Set II, No. 1 (Psalm 130)

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 610 Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
People His mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel.

The Great Litany (adapted by the children of our Church)

O God, Creator of heaven and earth, redeemer of the world
Have mercy on us, Lord

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, one God
Have mercy on us, Lord

Deliver us
Have mercy on us, Lord

By the Holy mystery of your Incarnation, Birth, Childhood, Life, Death, and
Resurrection
Good Lord, deliver us

By your example of Baptism, fasting, ministry, work, and acts of power
Good Lord, deliver us

Lead your church in love
We beg you to hear us, good Lord

Guide us in the way of justice
We beg you to hear us, good Lord

Bless and keep us all
In your mercy, gracious Lord

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the grieving, and the oppressed
In your mercy, gracious Lord

Heal us
Son of God, hear us

Provide for the houseless, the hungry, and the poor
Son of God, hear us

Guard and protect children
Save us, Lord

Remember those who have died
Save us, Lord

Give us true repentance and forgive us all our sins
In all, save us, Lord

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our condition, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
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.**

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Kyrie

William K. Trafka

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a single melodic line in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Christ - e e - lei - son, Christ - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
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Christ - e e - lei - son, Christ - e e -
lei - son, Christ - e e - lei - son, e - lei -
son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e -
lei - son.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 130

De profundis

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

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer into Nicolson Hall for Children's Chapel.

Sequence Hymn 448

O love, how deep,
how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but

was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

*A period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the
Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

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.

The Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Amy, Jane, Kendall, Lia, and the Stieg family, that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, especially Andrew and Patricia, let us pray to God.

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

“O Sacred Head”

David Hurd
(b.1937)

During the offertory you are invited to make a gift to God’s mission at The Falls Church through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.



Give Now Online

You may "Give Now" electronically in one of three ways (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now or (3) Texting TFCE to 73256 to give by text message.

Presentation Hymn 143, The glory of these forty days
v. 1 & 5

Erhalt uns, Herr

The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
To thee be every prayer addressed;
Who art in threefold Name adored,
From age to age the only Lord.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

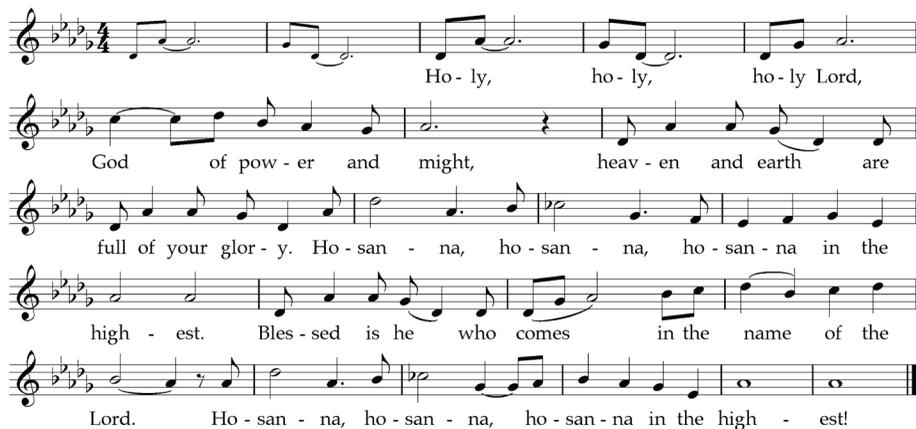
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

William K. Trafka



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glor - y. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Invitation to Communion

All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Should you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you approach them for communion.

Communion Music

“When Jesus Wept”

William Billings
(1746-1800)

Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Postcommunion Prayer

(BCP, p. 366)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

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

Dismissal

(BCP, p. 366)

Gospeler Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The congregation departs after the retiring procession has completed.

Postlude

Fantasia in f minor, BWV 534

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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Celebrant
The Rector

Preacher
The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

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The Parish Prayer List

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit
Immediate Needs
Amy, Jane, Kendall, Lia, the Stieg family

Long Term Prayers
Bryan, Joanna, Liz, Matthew, Michael, Robert

Family and Friends
Anne, Chris, Cindy, Cris, Dick, Grace, Heather, Jack, Judy, Kent

For the Repose of the Soul of
Andrew Bennett Stieg
Patricia Elena Marshall Sanchez

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