

Sunday, March 10, 2024 10:00am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude: "My faith looks up to thee"

organ setting by Amanda Husberg (1940-2021)

"Largo"

Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895), ed. Benjamin Cornelius-Bates (b. 1978)

Opening Hymn: "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

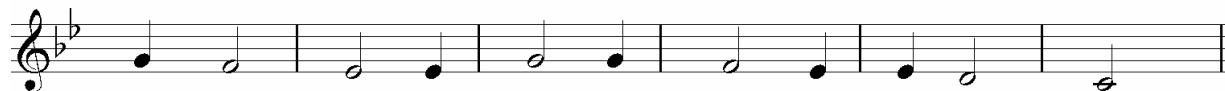
#449 The Hymnal 1982



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

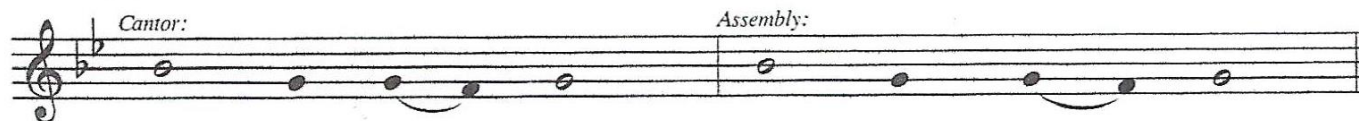


1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

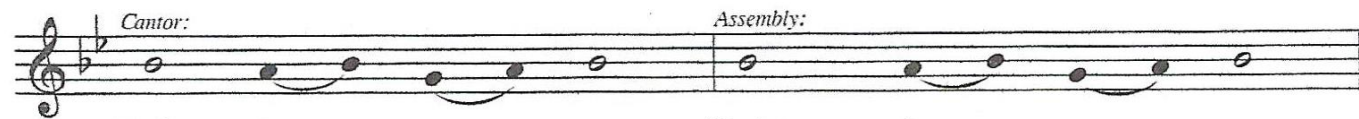
Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, Confession and Absolution

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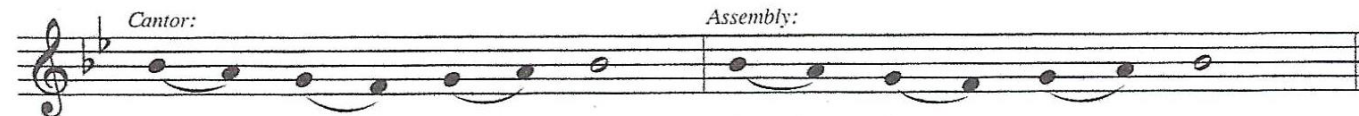
The Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**Collect of the Day**

**First Reading:** Numbers 21:4 – 9

**Lenten Prose**

**Psalm:** 107:1 – 3, 17 - 22 (*choir*)

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:1 – 10

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Holy Gospel:** John 3:14 – 21

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** “What wondrous love is this”

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Gregorian Chant

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*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Sanctus: “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

*Cantor, then all:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

*Cantor:*

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

*All:*

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

*Cantor:*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Cantor, then all:* *Last time*

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

**Agnus Dei “Jesus, Lamb of God”**

*Cantor sings verse 1; all repeat verse 1, then all sing verse 5*

*Cantor:*

1. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Bear - er of our sins,
2. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Sav - ior of the world, have
3. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Bread come down from heav'n,
4. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Shep - herd of our souls,

*Assembly:* *repeat as needed*

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor:*

5. Je - sus, Lamb of God, gen - tle Prince of peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Assembly:*

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Invitation to Communion

Those present come forward to receive communion, released by pew by an usher. There is no requirement to be a member of St. Paul's or Episcopalian to receive communion here. We believe that all are welcome, regardless of tradition or denomination, to be nourished at Christ's table and strengthened to live the faith of their baptism. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign of this. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let your usher know.

Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered through the door to the left of the pulpit. If you would like prayer for any kind of personal need you are welcome to go to his area when you come forward for communion.

If one wishes to receive the bread only due to the pandemic, this in no way diminishes the sacrament. It has always been the teaching of the Church that the whole Christ is present to us whether we receive both bread and wine together or only one.

**Intinction (dipping bread into the wine) is not allowed.**

Please take a sip from the common cup to receive. If you are not receiving the wine, cross your arms over your chest in front of the chalice after receiving the bread and acknowledge Christ's presence with us by saying "Amen" after the chalice bearer says, "the blood of Christ."

All remain kneeling as they are able upon returning to their seats after communion.

**Communion Anthem:** (choir) "For God so loved the world"

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
That whoever in him believeth nevermore shall perish  
But have eternal life to him given. Amen. (John 3:16)

**Communion Hymn** "My faith looks up to thee"

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Communion Hymn: "Kyrie eleison"

#418 Gather Comprehensive 2



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Post Communion Prayer, Blessing and Dismissal

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Closing Hymn: "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and I will ev - er be thou still my strength and shield. give to thee.

The postlude is omitted during Lent.

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*As you already may have read, March 8 was International Women's Day. Today is designated as "Woman Composer Sunday." The two organ preludes this morning are by women composers from two different places and time periods.*

*For thirty-six years Amanda Husberg was the director of a publicly funded day care center in New York City. For fifty-five years she was the Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church, a multi-cultural parish in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. She wrote and published 286 hymn tunes, two masses, and several choral and organ works.*

*Born in Greenwich, London, Elizabeth Stirling was a classical English composer. She was noted for her exceptional talents on the organ and was a church organist for most of her life. She published several organ pieces and over fifty songs and vocal duets. Elizabeth Stirling was known also for her arrangements of the works of Mozart, Bach, and Handel.*

#### **TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS**

**Clergy:** The Rev. Dr. Jarred Mercer, Rector; **Music Director:** Mark Meyer; **Choir:** Terry Anderson, Richard Blumenscheid, Elaine Bucher, John Budzyna, Joyce Cejka, Lee Fisk, Pam Jones, Virginia Meyer, Diane Riley, Ken Swanton; **Lay Eucharist Minister:** Doug Peck; **Lector:** Joyce Cejka; **Coffee Hour:** Ruth Healey; **Broadcast Team:** Kathleen Porter, Pete Novello; **Ushers:** Dale Kindregan, Meryl Longval

#### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

**Worship Services Sunday 10:00 am Parish Eucharist** in person and livestreamed on YouTube for those unable to attend in person at <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsChurch-NewburyportMA/live>. Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered at the 10:00AM Sunday Eucharist during communion outside the robing room.

**Tuesday Eucharist** Tuesdays at noon; **Morning Prayer** Tuesday – Friday at 8:30am

**Children's Formation!** Children are welcome to join background-checked and experienced Sunday School teachers in the library following the liturgy of the Word. Nursery is also provided during the entirety of the service for babies and toddlers! We would love to have more volunteer adults to help with this wonderful ministry. Please let Fr Jarred know if you would like to be involved!

**March Madness Calendar Winners:** Gail Conway, Bonnie Maney, Kate Coryell, Dale Kindregan, Elspeth Mercer, Anna Wetmore, Frank Condella

**From the Stewardship Committee** Thank you for all who have pledged! We are hoping that if you have not pledged you will please do so soon as we are still behind last year's total of \$275,955. Almost there! Pledge cards are available at the church or on-line at <https://stpaulsnewburyport.org/living-generously>

**Market Basket Gift Cards Still Needed** During the past few months we have helped numerous folks in need of fresh food through your generous donations of Market Basket Gift Cards. We're once again in need of cards. If you'd like to donate, we ask that you buy cards for \$25. You can drop them in the offertory plate on Sunday or bring them to the church office. Also, If you'd like to donate toward the purchase of gift cards simply write a check to St. Paul's and put MB Gift Cards in the memo. Thank you so much!

**Kitchen Renovation Ribbon Cutting- Sunday March 17** Please join us in the parish hall after our service to celebrate the completion of the kitchen renovations!

**Among Friends Needs Your Help!** Each month we will be asking for a donation of certain items for Among Friends. In March we are asking for vinegar (**any type but white**), olive oil, and salad dressing. You can leave your donations in the basket at the front of the church or drop them off in the parish hall during the week. Thank you! Among Friends is also in need of delivery drivers on Mondays at 5pm and Tuesdays and Fridays at 11am. Contact the office for more information.

**Baptism, Confirmation, or being Received into the Episcopal Church** Please contact Fr. Jarred if you are interested in learning more about being baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church.

**SSJE Workshops and Retreats** The Brothers at the monastery in Cambridge are offering several workshops and retreats. Check out the schedule at <https://www.ssje.org/programs/>

**Exciting News Exciting Update Exciting Update Exciting News Exciting Update** Our second Afghan family will be moving to their new Amesbury home in two weeks and we are busy shopping for items that they will require to start their new residence. Listed below are some of the items they will need and we would appreciate your help by donating one or more of these home goods. To avoid any duplication, please first contact Annie Winslow at 508-733-0651 or [ahtoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:ahtoffey@yahoo.com). Thank you for your on-going support!

- cooking utensils **in good condition** - cooking spoons, slotted spoons, ladle, whisk, grater, tongs, measuring cup, measuring spoons, ice cream scoop, whisk
- large water pitcher
- broom with dust pan
- (2) kitchen clocks (one for both families)
- pot holders
- salt and pepper shaker
- kitchen scissors
- large platter

**Cycle of Prayer** Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the *Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery*; Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown; St. John's Church, Sandwich; St. David's Church, South Yarmouth; Grace Church, Vineyard Haven; Ministries with Older Adults, and in the *local cycle of prayer*: Old South Presbyterian Church, Newburyport.

**Prayer List**

Allison Flynn  
 Eve Steinberg  
 Debby Demopoulos  
 Marya Toffey  
 Talia Duff  
 Stephen Jones  
 Betty Moberger  
 Tony Broer  
 Joanne Norris  
 Karen  
 Theresa Winslow  
 Olin Braids  
 Karen Greene  
 Marie Buckman  
 Lois Schofield  
 Laura Hobbs  
 Jeanne Rainoldi  
 Richelle Stephens  
 Kristin Corning  
 Nancy Burkholder  
 Jori Guldenstern  
 The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Tim Coco  
 Barbara Barnes  
 Corey  
 Karen Staffeld  
 George Partaledis  
 Jane Robinson  
 Peggy Dunlap  
 Paul Lucas  
 Karen Caplan  
 Jane Ellis  
 Cara O'Reilly McCabe  
 Rachel Perry  
 David Yates  
 Jess & family  
 Katie, Brian & family  
 Frances & John Fleming  
 Jake  
 Lindsey Leitko  
 Anita & Diana  
 Sue Wilcox  
 Priscilla Janvrin  
 Paul Mendez  
 Chet Brown  
 Paul Thiefels

Lisa Ransom  
 Susan S.  
 Mark B.  
 Linda T.  
 Abby Reese  
 Sue Skinner-Kidd  
 Rose O'Neill  
 Marilyn Sell  
 Ruth Pinkham Haring/Family  
 Barbara Porter  
 Sondell Ayala  
 Susan Russell  
 Tracy Broderick  
 Gail Bishop-Davis  
 The Kilty Family  
 Nancy Jean  
 Mary Ann  
 Stanley G.  
 Ellen  
 Douglas C.  
 Andrea McAnulty  
 Liz Filipanc  
 Cecile Novelle  
 Herb Skelly

Wendy H.  
Tom Bentley  
Nicole Miller  
Andrew & Friends  
Drew Daubach  
Joyce Ketcham  
Marsaya  
Sonny D.  
Joe Donithen  
Richard Blake

Bill  
Andrew  
Chris  
Kathy Molhan  
Kevin, Danielle, & Family  
Alice & Family  
Helen Robb & Family  
Zong Family  
Katherine & Finn McCurley  
Maya

Barb Kane  
Ben Parisi  
Brown Reinhardt  
Ginny Abby  
Ruby & Family  
Charlie  
Gail Gadd  
Linda Tremblay

### **St. Paul's Vestry 2024**

Deirdre Budzyna – Senior Warden; Stuart Tuthill – Junior Warden  
Nick Ives – Treasurer; Susan Aquaviva – Clerk  
Sue Blumenscheid, Frank Condella, Dorothy Doyle, Pam Jones, Lisë Reid, Meryl Longval

### **Diocesan Delegates/Deanery Representatives**

Alison Novello, Emily Russin

### **St. Paul's is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

Our bishops are: The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates and The Rt. Rev. Carol J. Gallagher, Asst.

### **St. Paul's Staff**

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Mark Meyer, Music Director – [markmeyer49@gmail.com](mailto:markmeyer49@gmail.com)  
Deb Hay, Office Manager – [stpauls@stpauls-nbpt.org](mailto:stpauls@stpauls-nbpt.org)

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Diocese of Massachusetts [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org)