

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10AM  
THE WORD OF GOD

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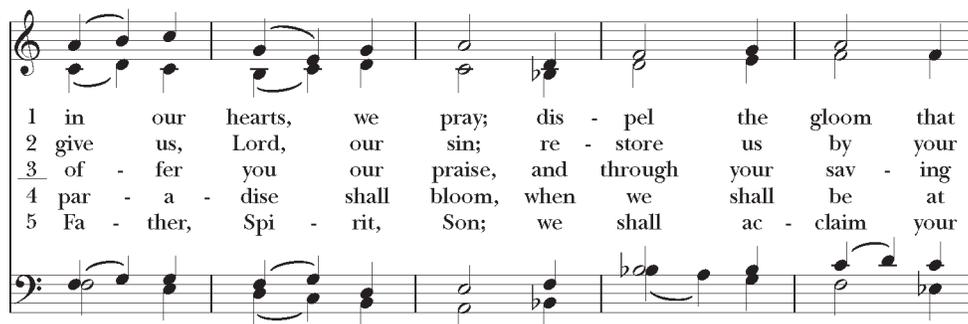
J.S. Bach

WELCOME

HYMN 144 *Standing*



1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine  
2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -  
3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may  
4 Now near - er draws the day of days when  
5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest



1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that  
2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your  
3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing  
4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at  
5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your



1 shades our minds and be to us as day.  
2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.  
3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.  
4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.  
5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER *Standing*

*Presider:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider:* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*- Hebrews 4:14,16*

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All:* **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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

KYRIE *Sung by all*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II 239*

Leader  
Ky - ri - e

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

Chri - te

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

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 *Said in unison*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 671 *Standing*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*A period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Very Reverend Gray Lesesne

THE NICENE CREED *All standing*

**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

*From Common Worship, Church of England*

*Leader:* We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to God this Lent. Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our bishop; Mauricio, bishop of our companion Diocese of Brasilia; our companions at Transfiguration Church in Nuevo Progreso, in the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico and their bishop, Julio; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Jeffersonville, Mr. Walter McCulloch, Senior Warden, The Rev. Jim Stanton, Deacon; pray for the work of the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

*Leader:* Lord, meet us in the silence,

*People:* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage to give up war, racial injustice, bitterness, and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for Joe, our President, Eric, our Governor, and Joe, our Mayor; pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. We pray for the City of Indianapolis, our downtown Community, and our church family. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to the sick. We pray especially for Dick, Liliana, Darrin, Chuck, and Wesley, Eustolia; pray for those troubled in body, mind, and Spirit, pray for the destitute, homeless, jobless, those impacted or infected by COVID-19 and those who care for them. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. We hold especially Josué Cavalieri in our minds and pray for all that have died due to COVID-19 and gun violence. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,  
**give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Presider:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE *Standing*

*Presider:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our lives and our labor to God.

#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

*- John 3:16-17*

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*People:* **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

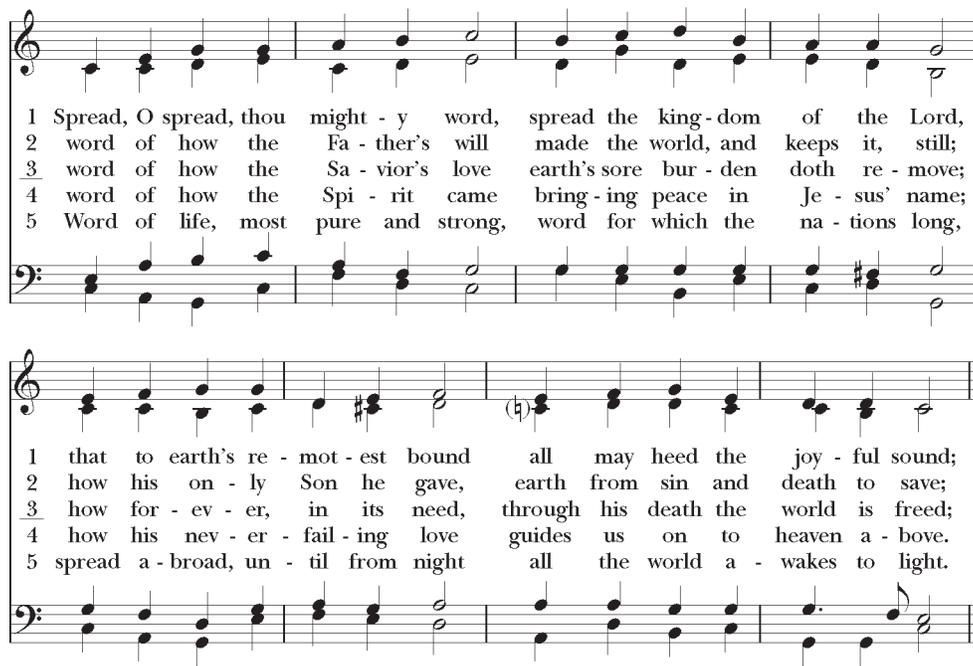
*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

#### THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Presider:* Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 530 *Standing*



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Toccata in F, BuxWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude

Presider: The Rev. Hipólito Fernández Reina

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The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Octavia Powell,  
and in honor of all mothers, on this Mothering Sunday.

MUSIC NOTES: The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Mothering Sunday or Laetare Sunday, named for the initial word of the traditional introit chant for the day. It is a celebratory day in the midst of lent, set apart with pink vestments in some parishes and with more festive music. Today we mark the occasion with the Toccata in F by Dieterich Buxtehude. The Ruth Lilly Memorial Gallery organ is particularly well suited to play this style of music. Modeled after baroque organs from northern Germany, our instrument has three keyboards and pedals, each meant to have different, distinct sounds, which you'll hear in the various sections of Buxtehude's Toccata.

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