

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020 10:00 AM

Morning Prayer

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Prelude - "Stabat mater" by G.B. Pergolesi

"There stood the Mother grieving, beside the cross weeping, while on it hung her Son."

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Children's Focus

Opening Hymn: #393 "Immortal, Invisible"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
Isaiah 55.6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8, 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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 neighbours 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.

The priest says, (while standing)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

(all stand)

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Kyrie: "Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. People And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise." The second staff is for the Kyrie: "Officiant O God, make speed to save us. People O Lord, make haste to help us." The third staff is for the Gloria: "All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:". The fourth staff is for the Gloria: "Except in Lent, add, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values and rests.

The Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **O come, let us worship.**

Venite *Psalm 95.1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

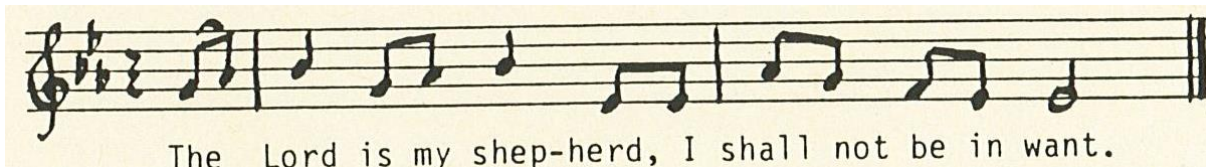
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Br. Jason Carroll

Psalm 23

Joanne Collier



The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters. *Refrain*

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Refrain*

Gradual Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Gospel Reading

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 9:1-41

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Canon James Robinson

Anthem "Quis est homo" by G. B. Pergolesi

"Who is the man who would not weep if he should see the Mother of Christ in such great distress?"

Sweet Breath - Karen Hudson, Jaimee Jarvie, and Dr. Janet Youngdahl.

(all stand)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*all kneeling*)

Collect

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn “God Whose Almighty Word”

**God, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring
On your redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Now for all humankind
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride:
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light!**

Dismissal

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

Postlude "Amen" - by G. B. Pergolesi