


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS


PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* *Hob Pusey*

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,
for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.
The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,
for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.
The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,
for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.
O come, let us worship the Lord!

 **INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* *Hob Pusey*

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,
come, Lord Jesus.
To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,
come, Lord Jesus.
To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,
come, Lord Jesus.
Today, to this place, to us,
come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

 **OPENING HYMN 76** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Hob Pusey*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

—based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Hob Pusey*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hob Pusey

By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

—Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *His Eye is On the Sparrow*
(Dennis Leshner, Dan Baker)

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy.
At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse.
As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. For his name and glory we pray and present our gifts. **Amen!**

PREPARATION HYMN 347 *Be Still, My Soul*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

SCRIPTURE READING *John 11:17-27*

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem (less than two miles^[a] away). ¹⁹ Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

²⁰ As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. ²² Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

²³ "Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her.

²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."


²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world."

SERMON *"Everyone Who Lives & Believes in Me Will Never Die!"*
Rev. Tim Latham

 **HYMN OF RESPONSE 259** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*

 **PROFESSION OF FAITH** *(In Unison)*
During his whole life on earth,
but especially at the end,
Christ sustained
in body and soul
the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.
This he did in order that,
by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,
he might deliver us, body and soul,
from eternal condemnation,
and gain for us God's grace,
righteousness, and eternal life.

—Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 37

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, In your mercy;
All: Hear our prayer

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 **COMMISSION SONG** *Before the Throne of God Above*

Verse 1
Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:

*A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.*

Verse 2

*When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.*

Verse 3:

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I Am,
the King of glory and of grace.
One in Himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE