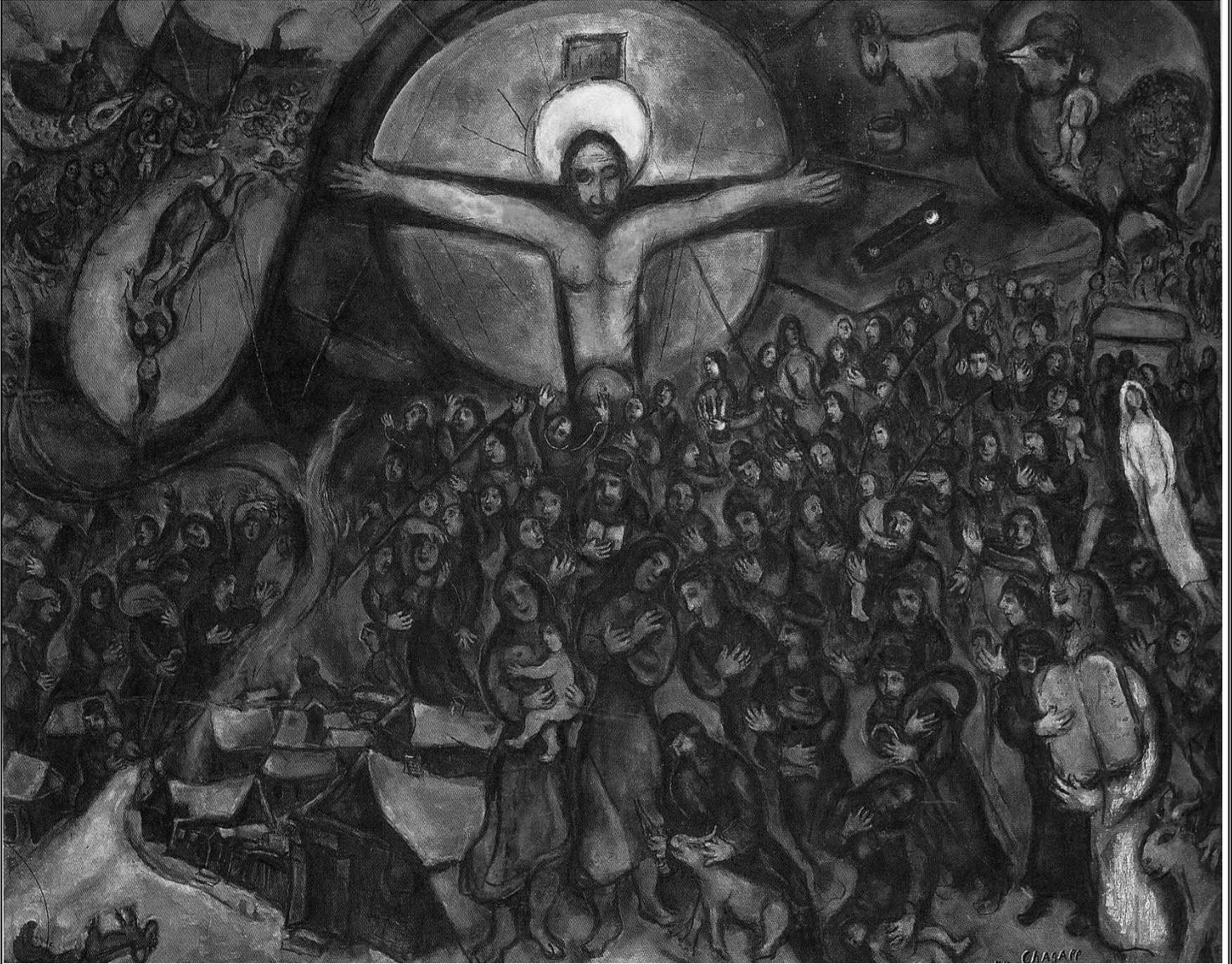


ST. THOMAS' PARISH
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**The Fourth Sunday
in Lent**

March 11, 2018

Prelude

“Etude in Ab Major”

Chopin

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Swedish Folk Music



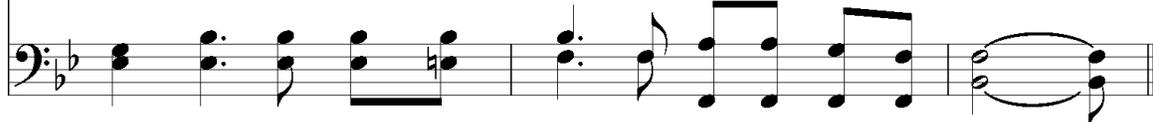
1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



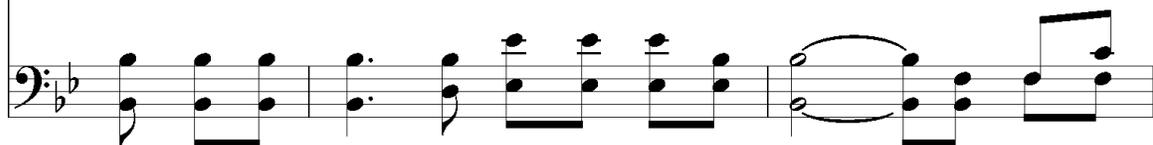
1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou



* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:
 People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Confession of Sin

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

GOD OF ALL MERCY, we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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**

✠ *All sit*

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

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

Sosa

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Holy Gospel – John 3:14-21

Celebrant: The 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Yolanda Rolle

✧ *Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.*

The Nicene 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been adapted for more inclusive language.

Prayers of the People

✠ *All remain standing as able.*

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters: God loved the world so much that God sent, Jesus the Son, so that all who believed in him would have eternal life. Trusting in this promise we pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Intercessor:

God loved the world so much that God gave everything God had, so that anyone who grasped the story of love would find what is eternal. We pray for all those who may struggle to grasp love's story, especially drug addicts, dealers, alcoholics, gamblers, those who have cheated and robbed their own families. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

God loved the world so much that heaven opened up that whoever welcomed the kingdom in through works of love and justice would find the lasting wholeness of life. We pray for people who gravely abuse their positions of trust or power and thwart the justice of God; for politicians, world leaders, doctors, teachers, police officers, prison officers and clergy. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

God loved the world so much that Jesus put on flesh and lived among us so the face of God would be clear to humanity and we would see that no life is cheap enough to destroy. We pray for sex workers, pimps and their customers, those who exploit children, and those who abuse undocumented immigrants in sweat shops. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

God loved the world so much so that anyone who banked on love would discover life's ultimate value and in so doing live in its fullness. We pray for the church universal and all who seek a deeper knowledge of God. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

God loved the world so much God gambled everything on love through to crucifixion and death of Jesus. We pray for this congregation. Make us more eager for redemption rather than retribution. Fill our hearts with your compassion and encourage us to employ the love of Christ in the affairs of all those we meet in our life and work. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus the son so that all who believed in God would have eternal life. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially those who now name (*people may add their petitions now*) that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ. In your mercy, God of love, **Hear our prayer**

Celebrant: Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements (see insert)

Offertory Sentence

✠ *The offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Priest prepares the altar.*

Offertory Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

Stainer

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

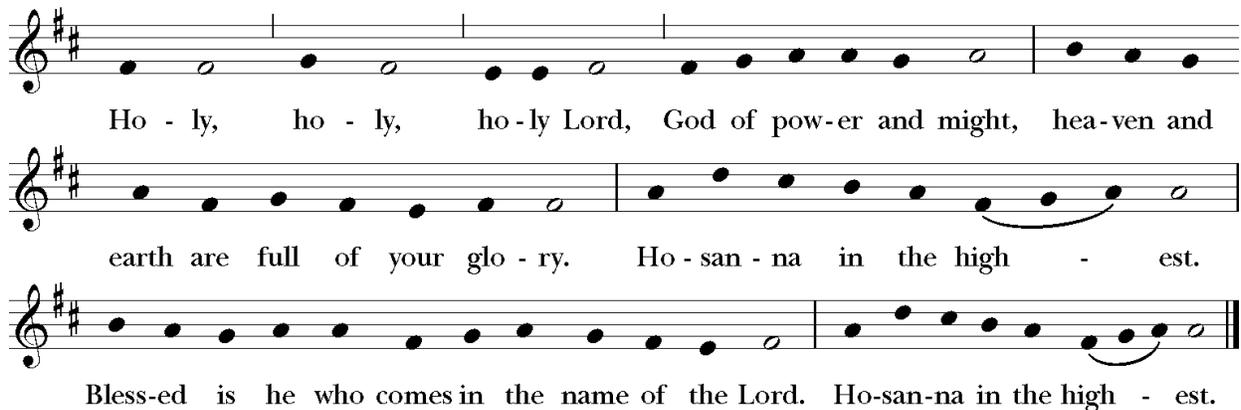
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

IT IS RIGHT AND A GOOD and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 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.

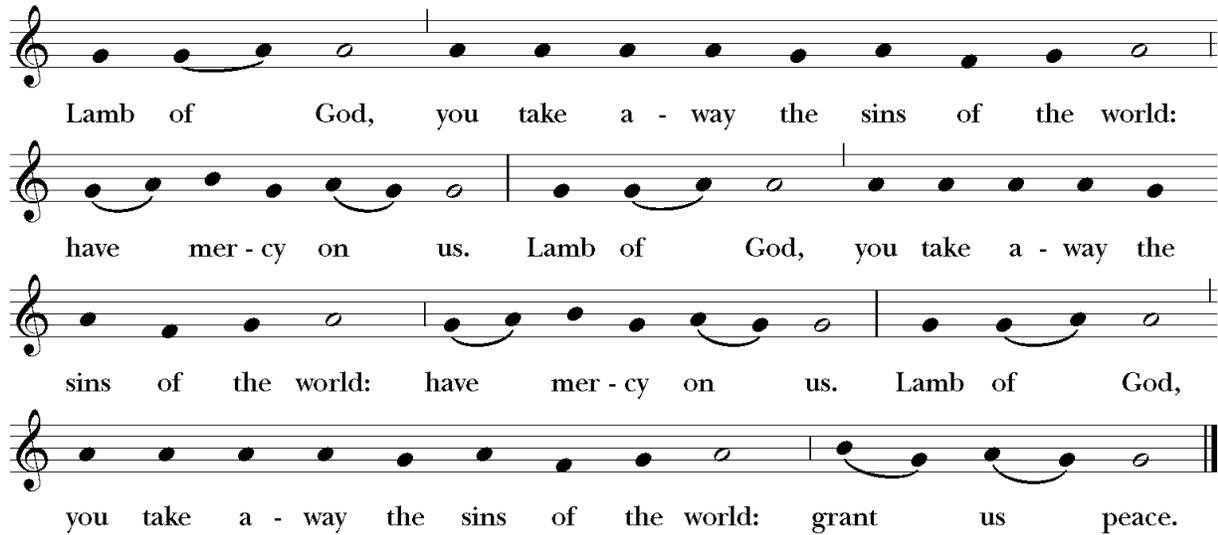
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

✠ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

✠ *Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar.*

All enter via the center aisle (alternating sides for each person) and return via the side aisles.

Instrumental Anthem

“When I Survey the Wonderful Cross”

arr. Adkins

Prayer after Communion

✠ *All stand.*

Celebrant: Let us pray

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.

Hymn

Lift High the Cross"

Leoni

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Please quietly exit following the dismissal



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