

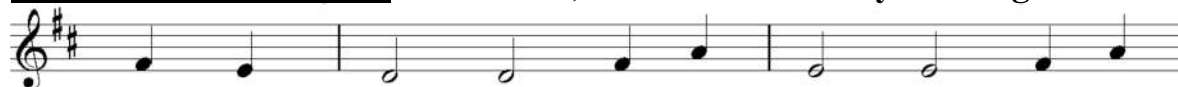
**March 14, 2021: 8 AM Holy Eucharist**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

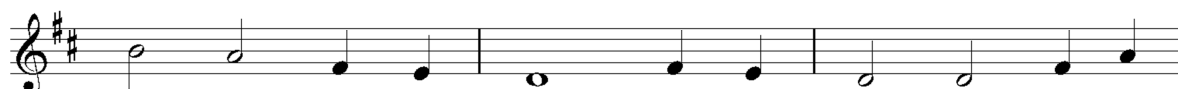
**Prelude:** Prelude on *St. Elizabeth*

Peter Pindar Stearns

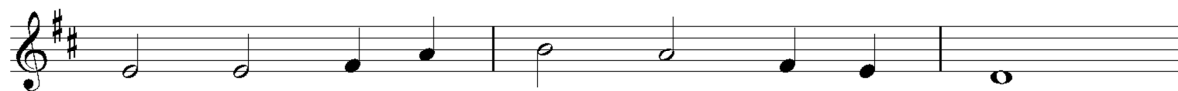
**The Processional Hymn: 686** Come, thou fount of every blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



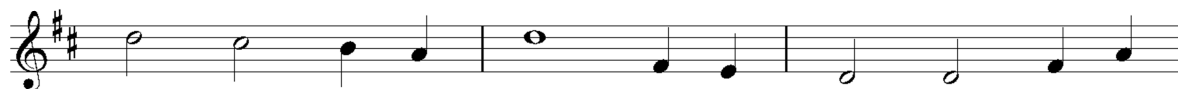
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



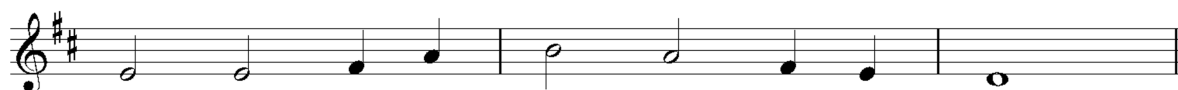
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**All: His mercy endureth forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**All:** 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 Lessons**

### **The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

Reader: A reading from Numbers

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** *(Said in unison)*

#### ***Confitemini Domino***

- 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**

Reader: A reading from Ephesians

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn: 671 Amazing grace

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 Gospel: John 3:14-21**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Rector: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**All: 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 (Adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)**

Intercessor: Embraced by God's word, let us intercede for all those in need,  
saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

Intercessor: For the church, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our  
thirst for deeds of justice, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: For the church, that all may see through the dazzling attractions of sin  
and rejoice only in God's marvelous gift, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: For the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel  
us on the way to solidarity and peace, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: For exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or  
hunger, because of the greed or hatred of others, because of  
disabilities, may find places of rest and kindness, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: For those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for the simple gifts of God, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: For this assembly, God's handiwork, that our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those the world despises, and that we name these rejected ones our brothers and sisters, we pray:

**All: Have mercy, O Lord.**

Intercessor: God, full of goodness and open to weakness, remember all whom we remember, and remind us of all whom we would forget. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

### **The Peace**

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

**All: And with thy spirit.**

**Offertory Voluntary:** *Andantino* from *Gregorian Album* Eugène Gigout

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and



Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Celebrant: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink you all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept*

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**All: have mercy upon us.**

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Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**All: grant us thy peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*If you picked up consecrated bread, please receive communion at this point using the following words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*From the English Book of Common Prayer: But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness. . . or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Curate shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving hearty thanks therefore, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his Soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

### **Communion Voluntary:**

*Then shall the righteous shine forth from Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness**

towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

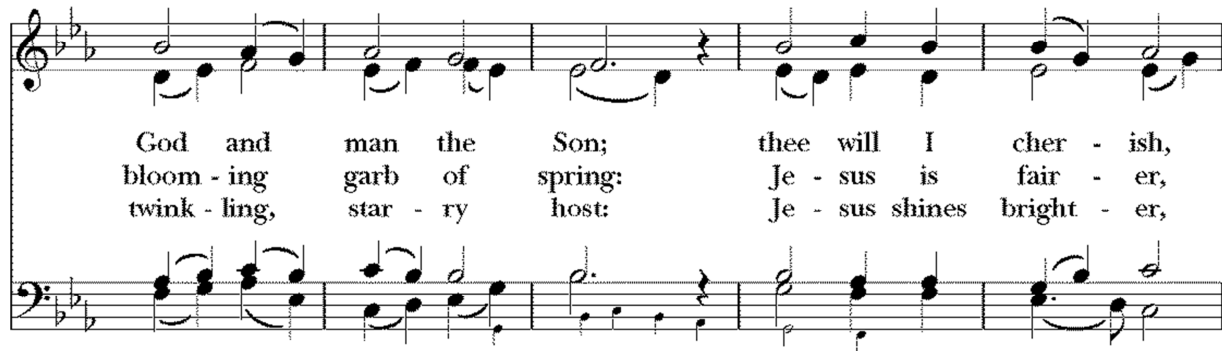
**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses everyone.*

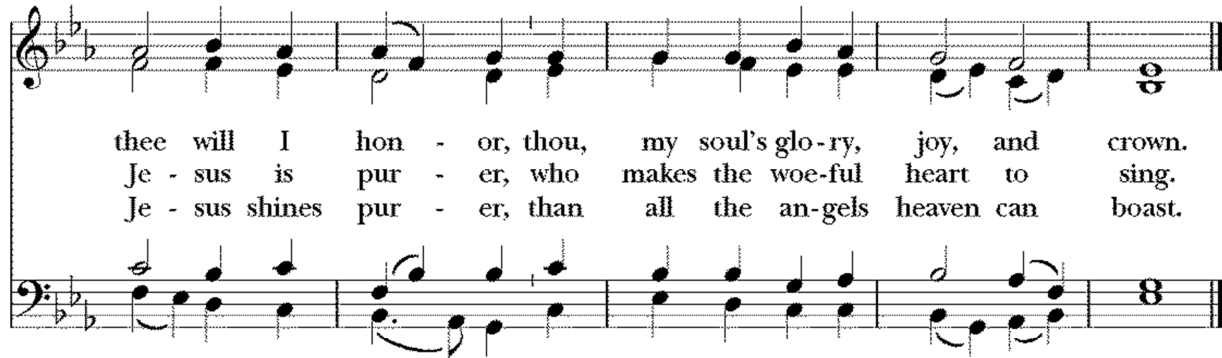
## The Recessional Hymn: 383 Fairest Lord Jesus



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.

Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schleitsche Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Improvisation on *St. Elizabeth*

W. Lawrence Curry