

The background of the entire poster is a textured, painterly image. It depicts a hand, possibly of a person of African descent, holding a lit candle. The hand is rendered in shades of blue and purple, with the fingers gently cupping the candle. The candle itself is a warm, golden-yellow color, with a visible flame. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark, leafy branch, possibly a palm frond, extending upwards. The overall mood is warm and inviting, with a spiritual or religious undertone.

4TH SUNDAY IN

# Lent

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you to  
join our family!*

MARCH 10, 2024

## We Gather

*The ministers enter in silence.*

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

### Decalogue

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Honor your father and your mother.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not commit murder.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not commit adultery.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not steal.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not be a false witness.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8,9*

### Confession and Absolution

*Please continue to kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is observed.*

*Celebrant & People:* **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. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Kyrie: EOM2 #109

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

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## 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.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of 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.

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



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

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the 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.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn: #473

**Lift high the cross**  
(v. 3 before, v. 4 after Gospel)

Please stand & sing as you are able.



## Gospel: John 3:14-21

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* 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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Chris Cole

*Please be seated.*

## We Pray

### Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

### Prayers of the People

**Form IV—BCP pg. 388**

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

*People:* **Church of the Resurrection, Oklahoma City; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Montevideo, Uruguay; Diocese of Virginia; Diocese of Washington; Diocese of West Virginia; The Church of Ireland.**

*Reader:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Katherine & Audrey, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.**

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...  
*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor.**  
*Reader:* That we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...  
*People:* **Katherine, Jerry, Jennifer, Robert, Zach, Alex, Patricia, and Josh.**  
*Reader:* And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...  
*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Mike, John, Rose, Karen, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Gary, Brittney, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Case, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**  
*Reader:* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially...  
*People:* **Jason Russell.**  
*Reader:* that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**  
*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## Offertory

*Celebrant:* But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:14, 15*

## Offertory Hymn: #686

## *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

*Please remain seated.*

## Doxology: #380 v. 3

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## We Share the Meal

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

## Sursum Corda: #S-120

*Please remain standing.*

The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Staff 1:** The lyrics are "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The melody is simple, with a half note for "The", a quarter note for "Lord", a half note for "be", a quarter note for "with", a half note for "you.", a quarter note for "And", a half note for "al -", a quarter note for "so", and a half note for "with you."

**Staff 2:** The lyrics are "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The melody is more complex, with a half note for "Lift", a quarter note for "up", a half note for "your", a quarter note for "hearts.", a half note for "We", a quarter note for "lift", a half note for "them", a quarter note for "to", a half note for "the", and a half note for "Lord."

**Staff 3:** The lyrics are "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The melody is simple, with a half note for "Let", a quarter note for "us", a half note for "give", a quarter note for "thanks", a half note for "to the", a quarter note for "Lord", a half note for "our", and a half note for "God."

**Staff 4:** The lyrics are "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The melody is simple, with a half note for "It", a quarter note for "is", a half note for "right", a quarter note for "to", a half note for "give", a quarter note for "him", a half note for "thanks", a quarter note for "and", and a half note for "praise."

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.*

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Cantor*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

*All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en 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.

Setting: Byzantine; arr. George Black (b. 1931).

**Celebrant:** † Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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 before he died for us, 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." † † †



**Celebrant:** 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:

**Celebrant & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

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

**Celebrant & People: 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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem:

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, grant, us grant us your peace. Have peace.

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

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**Communion Anthem:**

***What Wondrous Love is This***

## **We Go Into the World**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

**Recessional Hymn: #671**

***Amazing grace!***

*Please stand & sing.*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



## LILIES FOR THE 2024 EASTER ALTAR

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your Easter Lilies today!**

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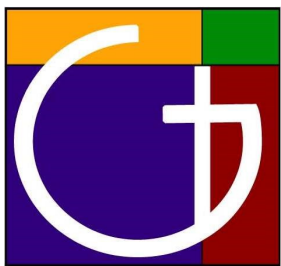
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