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OPENING GREETING

Celebrant Grace and peace to you from God.
People **May God fill you with truth and joy.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 58:1-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 103:8-14

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,*
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us,*
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children,*
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made;*
he remembers that we are but dust.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Forty days and forty nights

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

THE PENITENTIAL LITURGY

EXHORTATION TO A HOLY LENT

Celebrant Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church.

Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

PRAYER OVER THE ASHES

Celebrant Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PSALM 51

- 1 **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;***
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness***
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 **For I know my transgressions, ***
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned, ***
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 **And so you are justified when you speak ***
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, ***
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 **For behold, you look for truth deep within me, ***
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; ***
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 **Make me hear of joy and gladness, ***
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins ***
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 **Create in me a clean heart, O God, ***
and renew a right spirit within me.

- 12 **Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**
- 13 **Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- 14 **I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.**
- 15 **Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**
- 16 **Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- 17 **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**
- 18 **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

LITANY OF PENITENCE

Celebrant and People

**Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

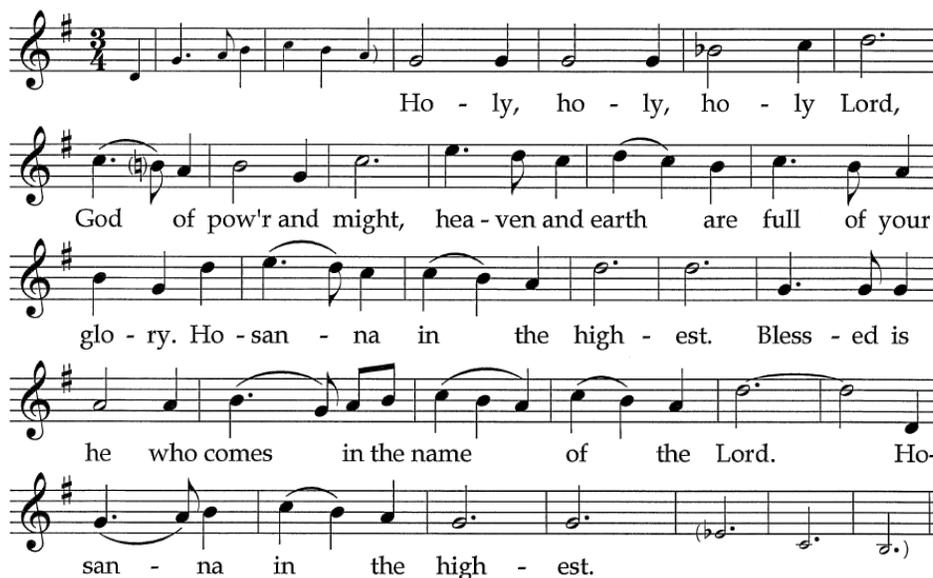
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

SANCTUS

Robert Lehman



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r 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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Margaret, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**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

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Melissa Dunphy

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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, O God, 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.**

BLESSING

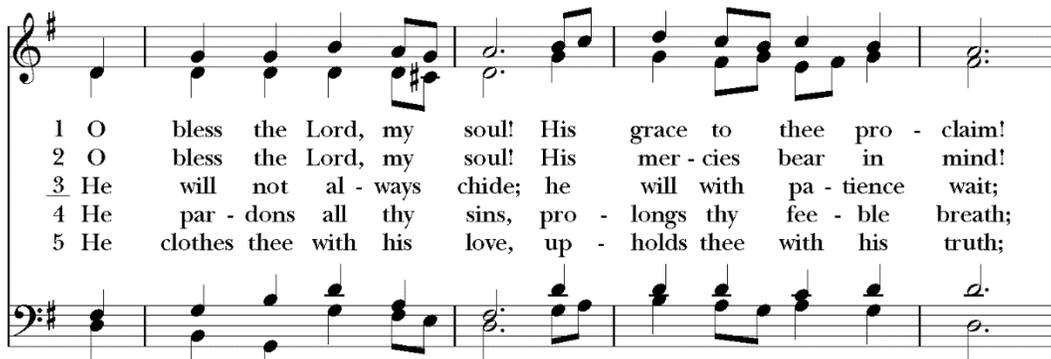
Celebrant

And now, may the quiet strength of Christ, the humble power of God, and the pervasive light of the Spirit, be yours today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas (Williams)



1 And all that is with-in me join to bless his ho-ly Name!
 2 For-get not all his ben-e-fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev-er slow to rise and rea-dy to a-bate.
 4 he heal-eth thine in-fir-mi-ties and ran-soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go now in peace, and may God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be your way, your truth, and your life from this day and always.

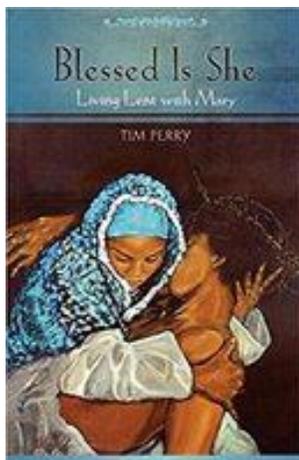
People

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector
 Preacher: The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector
 Organist: Jim Douglas, Director of Music
 Cantor: Alice Conover
 Lector: Joan Rich
 Altar Guild: Charlie Lang, Susie Byrom, Robert Thomas

Lent 2021



Lent Monday Evening Study starts Feb. 22

Join us for a Lenten Zoom Monday evening of study focused on Timothy Perry's book *Blessed is She: Living Lent with Mary*. The book explores what Mary means through the life and death of the crucified and risen Jesus. The study will be held on Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please email the Rev. Patti Sachs at patti@st-margarets.org. A small number of the books are available in the church office. Contact Patti to reserve. Otherwise go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Lenten 40 Day Prayer Challenge

We are offering busy SMC parishioners a simple yet effective way to honor the season of Lent in the time of Covid. Booklets have been created that will encourage participants to commit to offering prayers for a different group or topic each day in Lent. There will be booklets for individuals and for families. Whether it is during breakfast or dinner or bedtime, the booklet will have a prayer for every day (and illustrations for children to complete). Printed booklets can be found in the narthex.

Individual Booklet

Family Booklet



Lenten Quiet Day

Join us for an intentional time of quiet refreshment, meditation and prayer on **Friday, March 12, starting at 10 a.m.** We begin on [Facebook Live](#). Included in that, we will have 15 minutes of quiet meditation. Then, for the next hour and 45 minutes, you will do whatever you have planned (or not), but it should include some time in nature, sometime reflecting or meditating and some time in quiet prayer. At the end of your session, come back to Facebook Live to find some closing prayers.

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