

Welcome to St. John's Church



*Moses and the bronze serpent in the wilderness
Bourdon, Sébastien (1616-1671)*

The Fourth Sunday In Lent:

*March 10, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude

Sicut Moses

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Translation (John 3: 14-15): *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must that Son of man be lifted up That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 530

Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

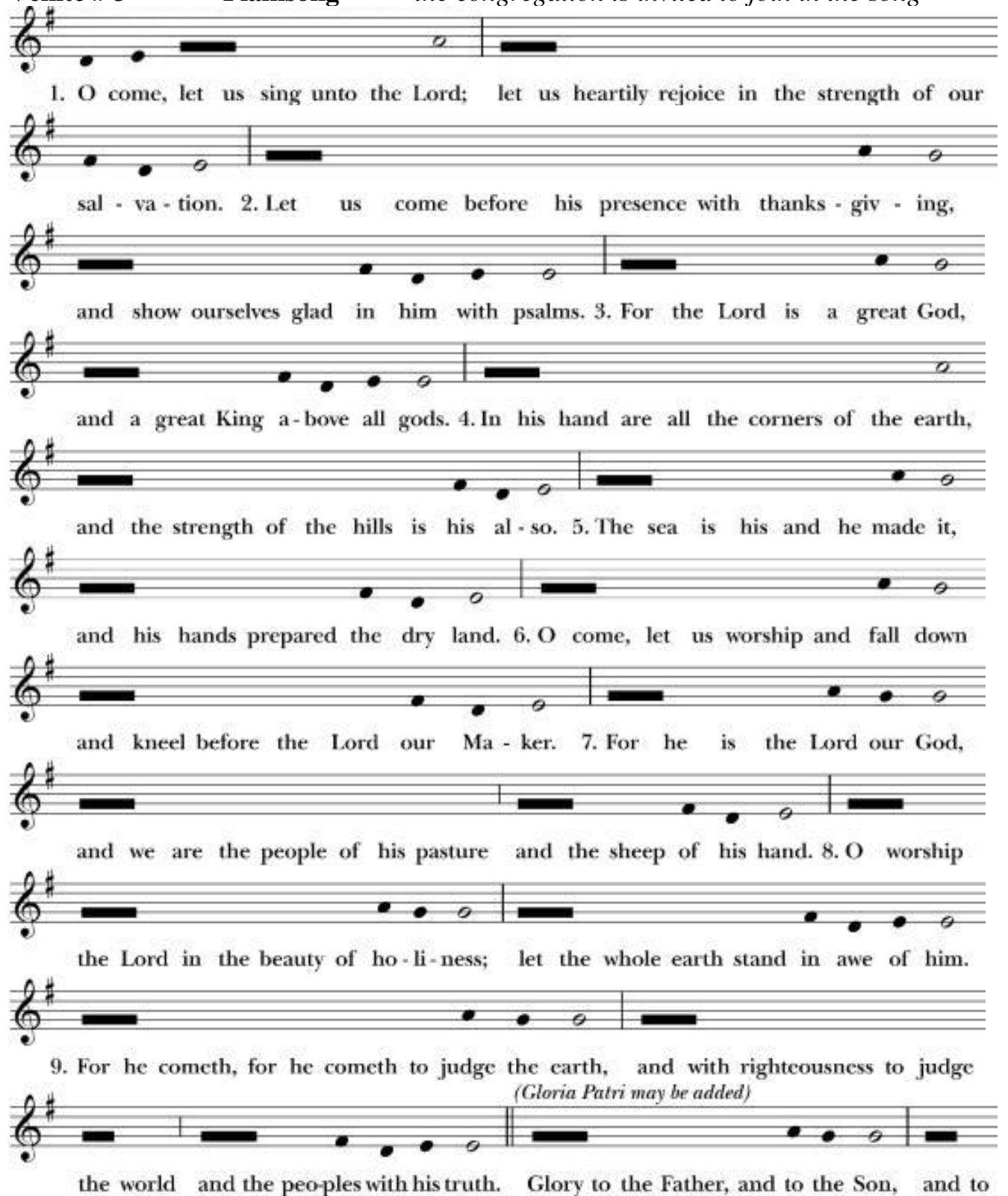
1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite # 3**Plainsong***the congregation is invited to join in the song*

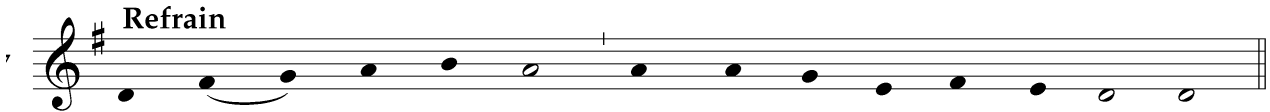
1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth. *(Gloria Patri may be added)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to



the Ho-ly Spi-rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

Psalm # 107 *the congregation is invited to sit and join in the Refrain*



Give thanks to the Lord, whose mer-cies en-dure for ev-er.

- 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 Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew reading the impatient Israelites set out from Mount Hor, where Aaron was buried, to detour around the hostile country of Edom.

A Reading from the Scroll of Numbers: (21:4-9)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle # 4 *Benedictus for Equal Voices* Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies :
and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :
and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :
that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies :
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him :
all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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. Amen.*

INTRODUCTION: In this second reading, Paul emphasizes the manner in which Christians have been saved by God's free gift.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn # 691

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's



INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, the image of Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the wilderness is metaphorically related to Jesus' lifting up on the cross

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (3:14-21)

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sermon

Laura Daly, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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.*

The Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. ***And grant us thy salvation.***

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. ***And make thy chosen people joyful.***

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. ***For only in thee can we live in safety.***

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

V. Let thy way be known on earth;

R. ***Thy saving health among all nations.***

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem *God So Loved the World* John Goss (1800-1880)

Text (John 3: 16-17): *God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.*

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee,
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 671

Amazing Grace!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Amazing Grace!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with five numbered lines of text. The lyrics are: '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'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

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 melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Congregation departs in silence.

Worship Ministers Today:

Laura Daly: *Licensed Worship Leader*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Laura Daly: *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

MB Witt, Laura Daly: *Coffee Hour*

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service, with chanting of the Passion

Thursday, March 28th, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, with foot-washing

Friday, March 29th, 12:00 noon

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 31st, 6:15 a.m.

Ecumenical Sunrise Easter Service at the Old Stone Church, New Preston

Sunday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival High Mass

Sunday, March 31st, 11:30 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt