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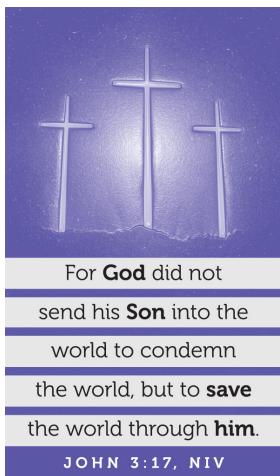
Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
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## The Gathering of the Community

### Greeting

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kyrie Eleison** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Cantor* Christe eleison.

*People* Christe eleison. Christe eleison.

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* 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 neighbours 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.

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**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn "Again We Keep This Solemn Fast"**

Ex more docti mystico; ascribed to Gregory the Great; translation by Peter J. Scagnelli  
Tune Hymn #349 Old 100th

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| 1 Again we keep this solemn fast<br>A gift of faith from ages past,<br>This Lent which bids us lovingly<br>To faith and hope and charity.                       | 4 Let us avoid each harmful way<br>That lures the careless mind astray;<br>By watchful prayer our spirits free<br>From scheming of the Enemy.           |
| 2 The law and prophets from of old<br>In figured ways this Lent foretold,<br>Which Christ, all ages' Lord and Guide,<br>In these last days has sanctified.      | 5 We pray, O blessed Three in One,<br>Our God while endless ages run,<br>That this, our Lent of forty days,<br>May bring us growth and give you praise. |
| 3 More sparing, therefore, let us make<br>The words we speak, the food we take,<br>Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;<br>Learn peace through holy penitence. |                                                                                                                                                         |

**Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**People** **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came 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 Proclamation of the Word****First Reading:**

Numbers 21:4–9

**Reader** A reading from the Book of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against

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you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> 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.**

**Psalm 107:1–3,23–26**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #156 Dundee

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| 1 Give thanks to God for he is good,<br>His mercy ever stands;<br>Proclaim that God has saved his own<br>From their oppressor's hands.          | 3 Some went down to the sea in ships<br>And plied their trade at sea;<br>There they beheld the works of God,<br>His wonders in the deep.        |
| 2 From every land the Lord has called<br>His own, gathered them out<br>From eastern lands, and from the west,<br>The north, and from the south. | 4 God spoke, the ocean waves rose high,<br>A stormy wind appeared;<br>The waves rose up to heaven, fell back,<br>And hearts that saw it feared. |

**O God, the divine seeker, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbour to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Second Reading:**

Ephesians 2:1–10

**Reader** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not

the result of works, so that no one may boast.<sup>10</sup> 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.

Acclamation

*Cantor* Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.

*People* **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

*Cantor* If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

*People* **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

Holy Gospel:

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

John 3:14–21

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

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>14</sup> [Jesus said,] “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “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.

<sup>17</sup> “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.<sup>18</sup> 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.<sup>19</sup> And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.<sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.<sup>21</sup> 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.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*People* **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 of the People

*Leader* We pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

### The Peace

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

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

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn #533 [Tune Hollingside] “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.**

*Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

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*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 our thanks and praise.**

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**Celebrant** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**People**

Hymn  
#689

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

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

**Celebrant** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer [Hymn #684]**

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

**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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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#### **The Breaking of the Bread #7**

**Celebrant** We break this bread,

**People** **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

**Celebrant** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**People** **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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#### **Lamb of God [Hymn #690]**

**People** **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

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#### **The Communion**

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn #537 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**Communion Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Waiting"**

Tune Hymn #237 Noël Nouvelet

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| 1    Jesus Christ is waiting,<br>waiting in the streets;<br>no one is his neighbour,<br>all alone he eats.<br><br>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br>I am lonely too.<br>Make me, friend or stranger,<br>fit to wait on you.     | 4    Jesus Christ is dancing,<br>dancing in the streets,<br>where each sign of hatred<br>he, with love, defeats.<br><br>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br>I should triumph too.<br>On suspicion's graveyard<br>let me dance with you. |
| 2    Jesus Christ is raging,<br>raging in the streets,<br>where injustice spirals<br>and real hope retreats.<br><br>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br>I am angry too.<br>In the Kingdom's causes<br>let me rage with you.       | 5    Jesus Christ is calling,<br>calling in the streets,<br>"Who will join my journey?<br>I will guide their feet."<br><br>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br>let my fears be few.<br>Walk one step before me;<br>I will follow you.   |
| 3    Jesus Christ is healing,<br>healing in the streets;<br>curing those who suffer,<br>touching those he greets.<br><br>Listen, Lord Jesus,<br>I have pity too.<br>Let my care be active,<br>healing just like you. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Prayer of Thanksgiving***Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.*People* And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Text by John L. Bell

**Announcements****Hymn #431 "Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said"***Please remain standing as the Sanctuary Party recesses in silence.***Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.*****Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

## Services

Sunday      8:00 a.m.      Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)  
               9:00 a.m.      Mandarin Fellowship  
               10:30 a.m.      Sung Eucharist (BAS)

Wednesday    12:00 noon      Worship at Midday

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

Interim Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Leonard Leader

Honorary Associate

The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD

Associate, Mandarin Ministry

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