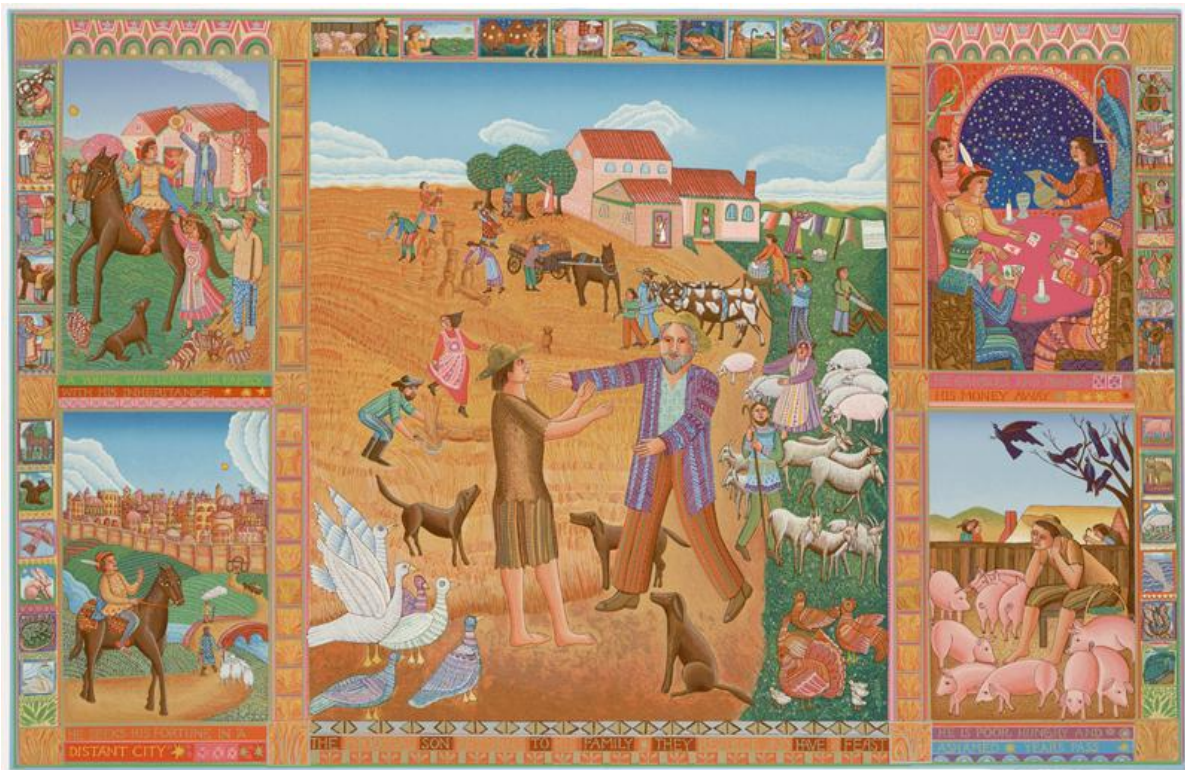


St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



March 30, 2025
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

**Voluntary
Antiphon III**

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The people stand as they are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 686

Nettleton

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The people may kneel or sit as they are able.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept. The people kneel or stand as they are able.

**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.

People: Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Lord Have Mercy Ukrainian Orthodox Chant



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -
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 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -



lei - son, Ky - ri - e - e - lei
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son.
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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.

People: Amen.

The people sit.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

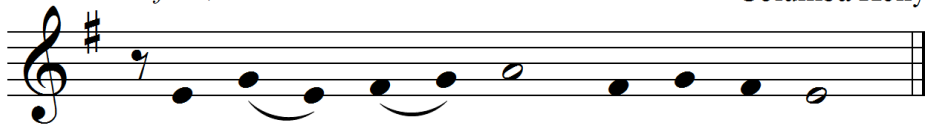
While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

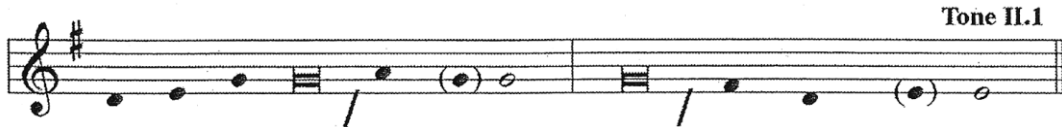
Cantor first, then all.

Columba Kelly



The Lord is — kind and mer - ci - ful.

*The cantor chants the odd-numbered stanzas;
everyone chants the even-numbered stanzas.*



1. Happy are they whose transgressions are for-[giv]-en,*
and whose sin [is] put away!
2. **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no [guilt],***
and in whose spirit there [is] no guile!
3. While I held my tongue...my bones withered a- [way],*
because of my groaning [all] day long.
4. **For your hand was heavy upon me [day] and night;***
my moisture was dried up as in the [heat] of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my [sin] to you,*
and did not con-[ceal] my guilt.
6. **I said... “I will confess my transgressions to the [Lord].”***
then you forgave me the guilt [of] my sin.
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
[trou]-ble;*
when the great waters overflow...they [shall] not reach them.
8. **You are my hiding place...you preserve me from [trou]-ble;***
you surround me with shouts [of] deliverance.

Antiphon

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to You

Bernadette Farrell



Praise to you, O Christ our Sav-iour, Word of the Fa-ther,



call-ing us to life; Son of God who leads us to free-dom:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a

robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.

Nicene Creed

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 II)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Fran, our priest; for Steve, our Deacon; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayer for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those in our community (*names*)

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially (*names*). Let us pray for those who have died in our community and throughout the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Far from Home We Run Rebellious

Stuttgart



1. Far from home we run, re - bel - lious,
2. Dreams that lured us on have van - ished;
3. Long the road that winds us home - ward,
4. Swift, a fa - ther runs to meet us,
5. Bread and wine for cel - e - bra - tion



Seek - ing cit - ies bright with dreams.
Free - dom's road has run its course.
Faint the hope that love still waits;
Bear - ing love that cov - ers shame.
On the ta - ble now are spread.



Cast - ing loose from love that claims us,
All that glit - tered now lies tar - nished,
Yet the feet that once were way - ward
Sin and guilt no more de - feat us;
Songs as - cend in jub - i - la - tion,



Crav - ing life that glit - ters, gleams.
Robbed of joy by guilt, re - morse.
Lead us toward fa - mil - iar gates.
Grace re - stores a home, a name.
For we live who once were dead!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

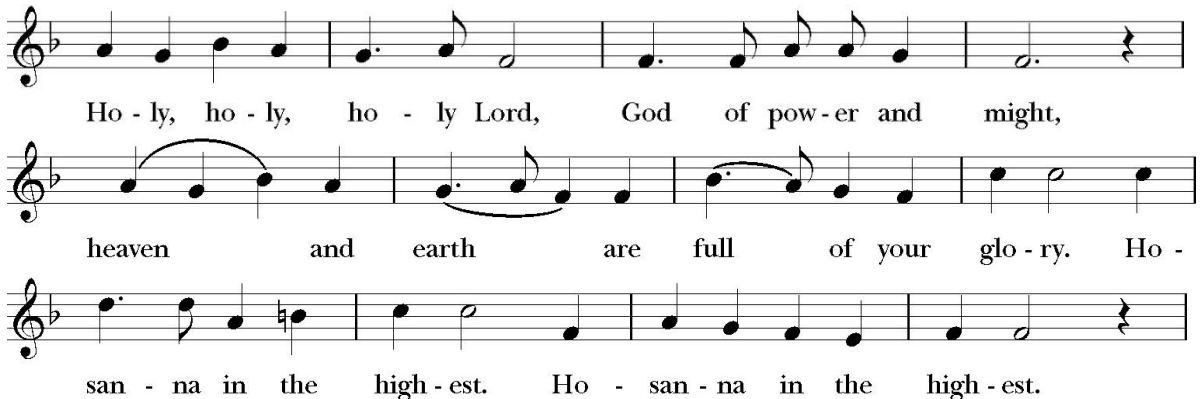
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Holy, Holy S125

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

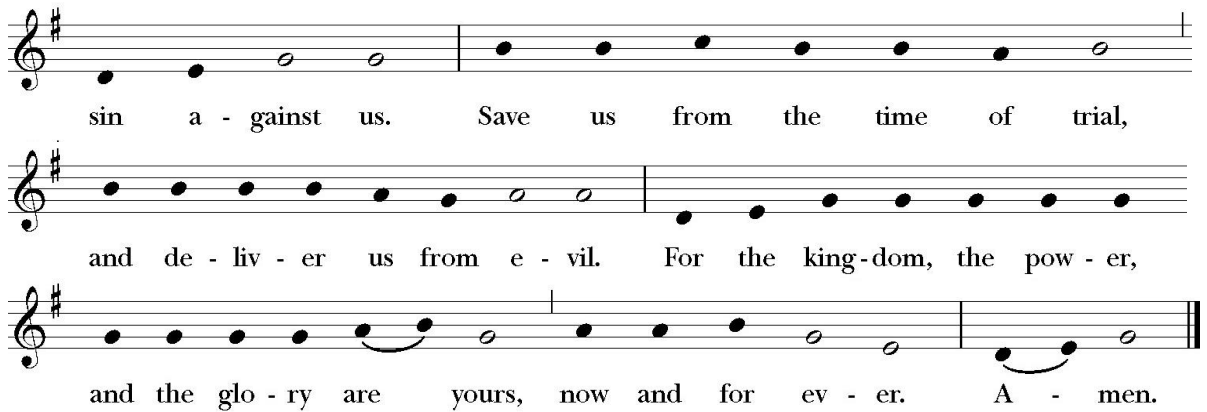
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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 God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

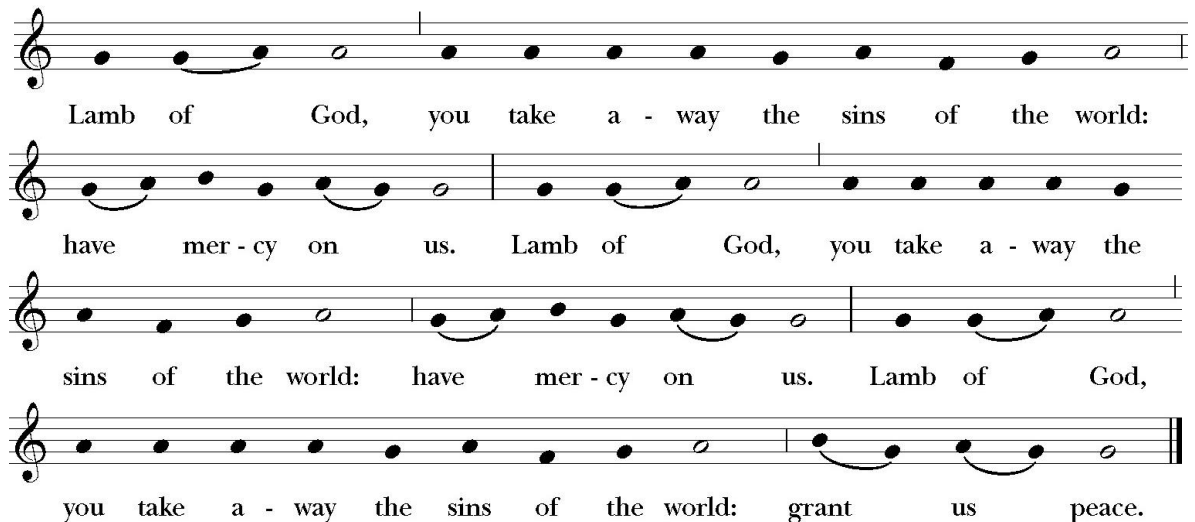
Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S160

Lamb of God

plainsong setting



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 on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant.

Communion Anthem

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Mark Sedio

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes,
that we can see all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain;
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care;
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Communion Hymn 470

Beecher

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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, Father, 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

The Celebrant will offer a blessing.

Sending Forth Hymn 690

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Due to their festive nature, the Concluding Voluntary is omitted during Lent.



*Today we welcome and thank Dr. Naomi Rowley,
Retired Professor of Organ at Aurora University,
for sharing her beautiful music with us today.*

Upcoming Events 2025:

- ❖ Stations of the Cross – Noon each Friday during Lent at the church
- ❖ Sunday, March 30 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner
- ❖ Sunday, April 6 – 5:30 p.m. Newcomers Dinner – Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- ❖ Friday, April 18 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- ❖ Sunday, April 20 – 9:30 a.m. Easter service with Eucharist

Sponsor Easter Services Flowers (April 20th):

Donations may be made to sponsor lilies for Easter Day services. Make checks payable to SCEC and note "Easter flowers" in the check memo line. Or give online under **General Donation** and note "Easter flowers".

Please note if the flowers are being donated in thanksgiving for someone or in memory of someone. The **DEADLINE** for Easter Services Flower donations is **APRIL 13th.**

Donation envelopes for Easter flowers are available in the pews. Look for the envelopes with pictures of lilies! Please contact Deb Sturges if you have questions.



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