



THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 19, 2023

THE PROCESSIONAL *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

THE ACCLAMATION Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins..

His mercy endures for ever

THE COLLECT OF
PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE DECALOGUE

Please be kneel or be seated as your are able

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy.

You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy

You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

THE CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

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.

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

SONGS OF PRAISE

THE WORD OF THE LORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.** 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. Ame

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Please note: Nursery (**6 months - 2 years**) and preschoolers will meet in the fellowship hall/daycare space. Our lower elementary class (**ages 5-7**) will meet in the new 1st floor classroom next to the church office, the upper elementary (**ages 8-11**) will continue to meet in the 2nd floor classrooms.

Children will be dismissed from the service during the children's collect. Parents need to continue to escort their children of nursery age and preschool age to and from the fellowship hall. Lower and upper elementary students will be escorted back to the sanctuary by their teachers during the Passing of the Peace.

No Children's Chapel during the 5 pm service.

THE LESSONS

Please draw your attention to the reading of the lessons.

LESSONS

TODAY'S OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: DEUTERONOMY 8:11-20

11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

19 If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. 20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

After the lesson is read:

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all who live in this world,

**2 both low and high,
rich and poor alike:**

3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom;
the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.

**4 I will turn my ear to a proverb;
with the harp I will expound my riddle:**

5 Why should I fear when evil days come,
when wicked deceivers surround me—

**6 those who trust in their wealth
and boast of their great riches?**

7 No one can redeem the life of another
or give to God a ransom for them—

**8 the ransom for a life is costly,
no payment is ever enough—**

9 so that they should live on forever
and not see decay.

**10 For all can see that the wise die,
that the foolish and the senseless also perish,
leaving their wealth to others.**

11 Their tombs will remain their houses[b] forever,
their dwellings for endless generations,
though they had[c] named lands after themselves.

**12 People, despite their wealth, do not endure;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

13 This is the fate of those who trust in themselves,
and of their followers, who approve their sayings.

**14 They are like sheep and are destined to die;
death will be their shepherd
(but the upright will prevail over them in the morning).
Their forms will decay in the grave,
far from their princely mansions.**

15 But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead;
he will surely take me to himself.

**16 Do not be overawed when others grow rich,
when the splendor of their houses increases;**

17 for they will take nothing with them when they die,
their splendor will not descend with them.

**18 Though while they live they count themselves blessed—
and people praise you when you prosper—**

19 they will join those who have gone before them,
who will never again see the light of life.

**20 People who have wealth but lack understanding
are like the beasts that perish.**

After the psalm is read:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

LESSONS

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:19-34

Before the lesson is read:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mathew

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

After the lesson is read:

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

THE SERMON

"Practicing Generosity" Dan Claire

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel or be seated, as you are able, and let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, 'hear our prayer.'

For the Spirit of prayer and the grace to faithfully seek God in all things and in every way.

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

Almighty God, grant to all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, that we may diligently seek you, see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For a submissive heart and trustfulness in times of worry and anxiety.

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

Most loving Father, preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties and lift us up by the might of your Spirit to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

Lord, look with compassion on the sorrows of your servants; nourish them with patience, comfort them with a sense of goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad. We remember today, Matt and Katey Riley - Church planting in Pontivy, France

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

Almighty God, prosper, protect, support, and sustain all those who live, preach and teach the Gospel at home and in distant lands. Endue them with burning zeal and love that they may turn many to righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For nations now engaged in war and internal conflict: We especially pray for [an end to the suffering of the Ukrainian people, repentance for the perpetrators of the war, and an end to the violence and hatred].

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

Have mercy, Lord, on our broken and divided world and banish from us the spirit that makes for war and sinful conflict. Grant that barriers which divide may crumble, suspicions disappear and hatreds cease.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Silence. Then, the leader may say the following collect:

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all your servants and witnesses in every age and in every land. Grant us grace to follow their good example, that we may share with them in the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

I now invite your petitions and thanksgivings. If you pray aloud, please pray loudly enough so that everyone may hear, and end your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy".

[After time is given for public prayers, the Deacon or Priest will conclude with this collect, followed by the corporate praying of the Lord's Prayer]:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. As Christ our Savior has taught us, we are confident to say:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
And also with you

Parents, please pick up your children at this time.

Bury the Alleluias til Easter Bells Ring

Since medieval times it has been the custom of the church to "bury the alleluias" throughout Lent until the Easter Vigil. We continue this tradition at Rez in our music and liturgy as it helps everyone grow in anticipation of our Easter celebrations yet to come. If you don't yet have bells to ring when the alleluias return during Eastertide, now is the time to hit up your favorite thrift store...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TO REZ?

Please use the Connect Card in the pews to let us know, or click [here](#) to fill out the form. We'll reach out to you with information.

UPCOMING AT REZ

WE NEED USHERS!

Email Tinbit Alemayehu (talemayehu@rezchurch.org). Training is available.

EASTER VIGIL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration is required. Register now on [Church Center](#) or on our website rezchurch.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 | REZ YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING

5–6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 | REZ YOUTH MINISTRY SEDER MEAL. RSVP BY MARCH 22

6:30 Pm at Rez. Register on [Church Center](#)

IMPORTANT DATES OF LENT & EASTER

A Service of Lament—Friday, March 31, 6-7 pm

Palm Sunday—April 2, 10 am & 5 pm services

Maunder Thursday—April 6, 6:30 pm

Good Friday—April 7, 6:30 pm

The Easter Vigil—April 8, Service begins at sunset at 7:38 pm
Registration Required. [Church Center](#)

Easter Sunday—April 9, 10 am & 5 pm services

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM (8AM)

In-person 7:45 AM on Tuesdays at Rez Church.

WEEKLY | REZ GROUPS

Join a group at rezchurch.org/rezgroups or through the Church Center mobile app.

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE OFFERTORY

Before the offering:

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." *Acts 20:35*

Giving options:

Church Center App

Venmo @RezChurchDC

P.O. BOX 77211, Washington, D.C. 20013

OFFERTORY HYMN

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
In the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE ACCLAMATION
OF FAITH

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

THE PRAYER OF
HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION
OF COMMUNION

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.]

HYMN(S)

THE POST
COMMUNION
PRAYER

Heavenly Father, 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.

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THE BLESSING

From the Anglican Church of Kenya

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

THE DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!