

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14th, 2021: 9:00 a.m. Virtual Service



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Georges Rouault

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GATHERING

Prelude: *O Bread of Life from Heaven* *Adagio from Symphony No. 3*

Emma Lou Diemer
Louis Vierne

Missouri native Dr. Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) studied at Yale and the Eastman School, and was a Fulbright scholar in Belgium. She is professor emeritus of theory and composition at UC Santa Barbara. This innovative setting of a German hymn tune was written in 1975, and evokes the style of 20th-century French composer Olivier Messiaen. Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris from 1900 until his death in 1937. He wrote six organ symphonies for the magnificent space and its massive Cavaillé-Coll organ.

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A Penitential Order

BCP 351

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures forever.

Scriptural Sentences

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Minister and 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.

The Priest stands and says

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. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

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 Gospel

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.”

Priest The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Music for Reflection: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's (1674-1748) desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. His original title for the hymn was "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ." It has been acclaimed as one of the finest English hymns for its carefully crafted language depicting Christ's suffering.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1970;
harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

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

Silence.

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

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

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

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

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest 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 Offertory: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Terre Johnson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Jesus, lover of my soul.

Thomas Middleton, soloist

Dr. Terre Johnson (b. 1959) is the Chair of Visual and Performing Arts at Clayton State University in Georgia. He holds degrees in Choral Music Education from Troy University, Auburn University and Florida State. This is an arrangement of a familiar hymn tune by Welsh composer Joseph Parry (1841-1903). The words were written in 1740 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Announcements

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Postlude: *O Bread of Life from Heaven*

Johannes Brahms

Brahms (1833-1897) spent the summer of 1896, his last, in Austria. In the previous few years he had lost a great many of his closest friends, including the pianist and composer Clara Schumann. The grueling 40-hour journey which he undertook to attend her funeral undoubtedly took its toll on his own health; and he spent much of his time putting his affairs in order. It was in Austria that he composed his last music, the Eleven Chorale Preludes for Organ, Op 122. This tune is paired with the German text "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" in Brahms's collection. In America and England, it is usually associated with a Eucharistic text reflecting on Christ as the Bread of Life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for in-person Sunday worship: services at 10am (Family Picnic Eucharist, Front Lawn) and 11:15am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Parking Lot). RSVPs [here](#).

Lenten Events

- **Wednesdays in Lent, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom link shared on our home page: *Seeing Christ in the Darkness: Paint, Prayer & Poetry*.** Fr. Zac along with special guests, will lead discussions on St. Mark's art exhibit by [Georges Rouault](#), on loan from The Sandra Bowden Collection. Follow [this link](#) to watch a recording of the previous Wednesday classes.
- **Art Exhibit In-Person - sign up now!** You and your household are invited to see St. Mark's Lenten Art Exhibit (referenced above), in person by signing up for a 30-minute slot [here](#).
- **Stations of the Cross:** a self-guided journey following the Stations of the Cross on St. Mark's Meditation Trail will be available throughout the season of Lent. Pick up the leaflet in the small box near Station 1, located at the far end of the parking lot, near the storage sheds (at the end of the Day School buildings). The Stations feature the art of Scott Erickson, a local artist.

Please contact/RSVP to Fr. Zac (zac@stmarksaustin.org) for details on any of the following opportunities: .

- **Confirmation Classes in April:** St. Mark's will be offering confirmation classes for anyone ages 13 and up, on the following Wednesdays: April 7th, 14th, and 21st, at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held in Fr. Zac's front yard! Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 25th, with Bishop Ryan.
- **St. Mark's 101 Class in April:** on the following Wednesdays, April 7th, 14th, and 21st, at 6:30 p.m. (running concurrent with Confirmation classes). The 101 class is intended for newcomers, but open to all!
- **Upcoming Baptism date: Saturday, April 3rd,** during the Easter Vigil, which will start at 7:50pm (sundown). The Easter Vigil will be held outdoors and in-person, Saturday, April 3. Stay tuned for details!

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Links for all events below are shared on our website: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- **Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m..**
- **Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: *Four Crucifixions: Reading the Gospels Together*.** Class led by Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.
- **Tuesday Noon Bible Study:** all are welcome!
- **Morning Prayer M-F, 8:30 a.m.**

Parish Intercession List

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Phil Aboussie, Joey Albers, Kelly Dixon, Gregg LaMontagne, Landon Phillips, Tara Pitt, Stephen Raines, Lindy Siegismund, Sallie Yeager, Jim Ramsey, Michael Jackson, Vanessa Rutkowski, Pat Bullock, Nancy Bachschmid, Mary Keenan, Hunter Rogers, Robert Dew, Dominic Mayor, Melissa Osterberg.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Andrea & Alexander Clark, Claire & Chaz Ripoll.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Virtual Lector: Leo Pattera



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