

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 25, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

Kyrie eleison (“Lord, have mercy”) – the only element of the Byzantine rite admitted into the regular liturgy of the Western Church (*Kyrie* is Greek, not Latin) – has been part of the Mass since the 5th century. The early-9th century chant *Kyrie fons bonitatis* was transformed into the German *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit* around the year 1200. Both versions are used in today’s service: after the Apostolic Greeting the choir sings the original plainsong, followed by the congregation singing the German chorale in English translation.

The organ voluntaries are settings of this chorale by J. S. Bach, who divided it into three movements constructed in the *stile antico*. The music is stark and austere, but not overly contrite; its serene force rather evokes confidence in God, and only the poignant conclusion of the final setting (at the text *eleison*, “have mercy on us”) reminds us of the great cost of our pardon.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above

J. S. Bach

As the bells are rung the congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Trusting in the steadfast, sure love of God, let us return to the Lord, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **you desire to gather your children together, yet we are not always willing. We squander your gifts, misuse our power, and turn away from your love. We spend ourselves for what does not satisfy and neglect those in sorrow and in need. Spare us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins, that we may turn from evil ways and find shelter beneath your wings. Amen**

God is generous to all who ask for help. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen
Hymn



1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glor - ry, there for ev - er
4. Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heav'n - ly host a - dore thee
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - al
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - the'r's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

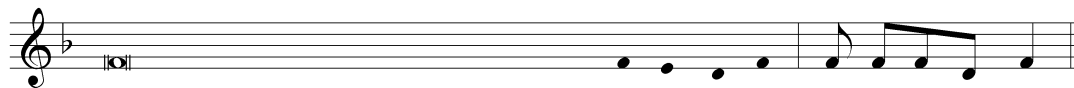


Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
pleading: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Apostolic Greeting



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And al - so with you.***

Kyrie fons bonitatis
Sung by the Choir.

Kyrie – Hymn, No. 168
Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Kyrie, God Father



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Let us pray ... A - men.

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126, page 280

Sung by All to LBW Tone 2, page 291.

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.



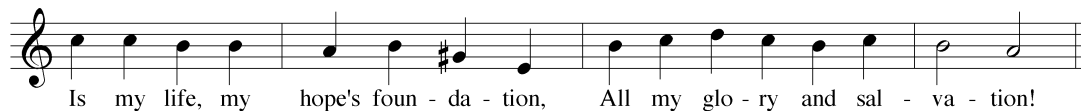
On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

John 12: 1-8

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ___ chap-ter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

The Gos-pel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 482

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 worshipped 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 – Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Merciful God, **hear our prayer**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

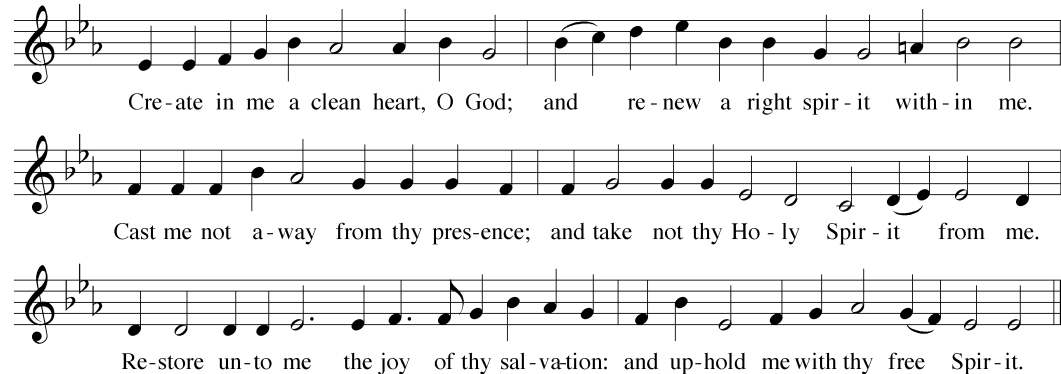
Anthem, at the Offering

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Shaw/Parker

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from thy pres-ence; and take not thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of thy sal-va-tion: and up-hold me with thy free Spir-it.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David. If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that even in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 109

Salutation, Preface and Sanctus
Eucharistic Prayer and Doxology

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Voluntary

Kyrie! O Christ Our King

J. S. Bach

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis – Hymn No. 349

I Leave as You Have Promised, Lord

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey, that refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 97

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost

J.S. Bach

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana, a congregation "Reconciled in Christ" that has been racially diverse since 1954. Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the Attendance Registration booklet located in the pews. Join us following the Service for refreshments and hospitality.



-- Servants at God's Altar --

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Kaia Lenhart
Deacon II	Rich Gillam
Lector	LeeAnn Hart
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Scott Dillon
Bookbearer	Chantelle Agbro
Torchbearers	Kathy Garrison, Kelly Bowers
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Mary Andoh, Salome Burton
Tellers	Michael Olson, Salome Burton Ron Mueller
Hospitality Hosts	Grace Morgan, Brian Borders and Family, Margaret Mushala and family

Parish Concerns

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Ruth Hunter, Bill Reid.

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Stacey Aus (Knauff); Rex Baker (Robinson); Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); the Family of Margaret Cahill (Isbell); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray "Bud" Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Muriel Halsey (Wassum); Marie Hanke (Lenhart/Ray); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); The family of Beth Isbell (Isbell); Tom Johnson (Hart); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Ruth & Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Jody Tindall (Alice & Bob Anderson); Marion Wagley (Capps); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **Augustana** and our vision for the future.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Louise Anderson has given today's bread and wine, candle, DAG Gift and Accessibility Gift in loving memory of her husband Floyd Anderson, on the second anniversary of his death and in honor of his sixty-four years of membership at Augustana.

Accessibility and Renovation Reminder: Our accessibility renovations are now virtually complete but paying for them is not – we have monthly mortgage payments of \$9,899 to cover far into the future. Please keep your pledge payments current and continue to honor and memorialize friends and family with contributions to the Accessibility and Renovation Fund. Thank you for your past generosity. Received last week: \$1,225

Easter Flowers and Landscaping: Members of the Worship and Music Committee will be in the Social Hall this morning to receive contributions for Easter Flowers and/or our Landscaping Project. See the blue insert. Deadline for all contributions is April 2nd.

-- Today – Fifth Sunday of Lent --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – Ordinary and Extraordinary

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Zaccheus

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington D.C. – 3:00 p.m. Movie Night -- Home of Robert Joppa's (814 North Barton Street, #2, Arlington, VA 22201) ---Metro accessible from the Courthouse Station on the orange line and the B4 bus -- Ample and free street parking. BYOB, popcorn provided. Please RSVP and, if needed, arrange for transport from Courthouse at LCMWDC@lcna.org

– This Coming Week –

Tuesday, March 27th: "Just Desserts" fundraiser to benefit the Lutheran Volunteer Corps

Where: HR-57 Center for Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th Street NW (U Street Metro-Green Line) **When:** Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 pm **Price:** \$15 (includes desserts and coffee/tea). Tickets can be bought at the door.

Wednesday, March 28th: Mid Week Lenten Joint Lutheran Service – Augustana hosts this week 6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread; 7:30 Worship –Pastor Phillip Gaines preaching. **Please Note – We need Soup and Bread – If you are bringing Soup or other food, please have in it in the kitchen by 6:00 p.m. Let either Alice Anderson or Kevin Canfield know if you are bringing Soup or Bread.**

Thursday, March 29th: 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, April 1, 2007 –Palm/Passion Sunday –

Adult Forum: 9:15 – Lenten Bible Study: God Calls Us to Live in Faith

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Hosanna!

Blessing of the Palms – Joint Service with St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in Mederian Hill Park – 10:00 a.m. – followed by procession to Augustana for our 10:30 service.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Hospitality Hosts: No Coffee Hour this morning.

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-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

Holy Week Schedule – See the Special Insert

Volunteer needed to serve as Editor of The Augustanan – We are searching for a new member to work on the monthly newsletter. Rebecca Roth who currently works on the newsletter is willing to train someone who may be interested in learning “how to.” Please contact the office or Rebecca Roth 240-463-6493 or rebecca.roth@mac.com if you are interested.

Augustana’s NEW Mortgage Task Force – This newly formed task force will work closely with members of the Finance and Stewardship Committees to find ways to manage our monthly A&R mortgage. If you are interested in serving on this task force please contact the office or a member of council.

Outreach to Santa Maria: A new English/Spanish language program with Iglesia Santa Maria is underway. Volunteers are needed to become language lesson partners. Improve or learn Spanish as you help our sister congregation speak English - a skill that requires lots of practice. Please contact Brian Danaher (danaherb@hotmail.com) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

Three Augustanans have contributed to the Lent, 2007 issue of "The Network Letter," an online newsletter of The Lutheran Network for Inclusive Vision, whose mission is "to foster full inclusion of GLBT people in the congregational life and rostered ministries of the ELCA by changing hearts and minds through biblical renewal." Pastor Theiss is the newsletter editor. The Lent, 2007 issue features articles by Alan Sutherland - "Who is my Family?" and by Barbara Solt - "Change within a Generation: Gays in the Church and Society." Another article is by Metro DC Synod Pastor Richard Graham - "Repentance, Fasting, Prayer, and Works of Love-The Discipline of Lent." Also included is "Texts and Meanings: Why do Scholars Differ about the Meaning of

Texts on Sexuality?" by Arland Hultgren. Readers can access by going to www.inclusivenet.com. Click on Newsletter, then click on Lent, 2007.



March 25, 2007
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

INTRODUCTION

The Lenten preparation is almost at an end. Something new is about to happen! Mary of Bethany's act of anointing Jesus is extravagant, but when we know that grace has come to us, it is time for lavishness. Our old values get rearranged when we realize how deeply we are loved. In this week, nine months before Christmas, the church also celebrates the Annunciation. "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you," says the angel Gabriel to a surprised Mary. Grace came to Mary, and to us, with that announcement.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

This prophet of the exile declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. Now, the Lord is about to perform another act of deliverance. This salvation leads the people to praise God.

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

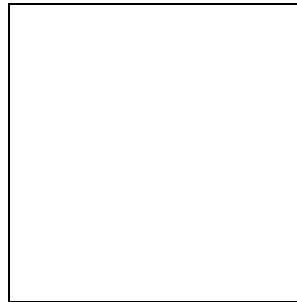
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas misunderstands Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with a costly perfume. Jesus recognizes the true significance of her beautiful expression of love and commitment as an anticipation of his burial.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



Mission Statement of Augustana Lutheran Church

“It is the purpose of Augustana Lutheran Church to engage as many persons as will share its confession of faith in a fellowship of worship, learning, witness and service that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may become effective in their lives together and individually and relate effectively in Christian concern and love to the geographic community within which the Church is located.”

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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
See an usher for directions

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Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served