

**A Service for the Fourth Sunday in Lent
Brought to you by Maine Episcopal Youth
Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Prelude

Ella Brown

Trois Petites Pieces by Alphonse Hasselmans, variation Reverie

Welcome

Inua Saibou-Baldi

Opening Acclamation

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Blessed be the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Opening Prayer

Youth Worship Planning Team

Jesus, you are the way through the wilderness: show us your truth in which we journey, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit be in us the life that draws us to God. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Virtual Youth Choir

My Lighthouse by Rend Collective

*In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

Chorus:

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

(Chorus)

*Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)*

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Numbers 21:4-9

Maddison Stroud

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.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Caleb Corey

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, *
and God's mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 God gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and God delivered them from their distress.
- 20 God sent forth God's word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for God's mercy *
and the wonders God does for God's children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of God's acts with shouts of joy.

The Gospel: John 3:14-21

The Rev. Mary Lee Wile

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

Meditation

Original Poetry by Pyam Morin

Bronze

When the serpent rears its head,
Fangs bared and muscles tensed,
Look to the shining snake above.
Isn't it funny how the very thing that
Aims to kill is what will save you?
God has a sense of humor like that,
Turning dark into light.
They aren't picky about who enters the
kingdom.
All are welcome where sin is forgiven,
Even those who have only put one toe
In the light in all their years.

Jokes are the best truth I have ever
known,
A simple accent of a word revealing all.
God made me this way after all,
Broken humor and foolishness
Running rampant in my veins,
So I'd like to think that They are a bit the
same.
We are made in Their image.
God gifts us the grace and mercy we need,
But lets us do the work ourselves.
Maybe it was never our work in the first
place,
But the work of our Guardian.

fight or flight as a weapon

i. Knock dust from those tattered,
Tired wings and
Fly.
You are tired of flying and falling,
Sick of wondering and wandering,
A court jester lost in their own hat.
She calls to you,
Beckons to a softer world merged with
your own.
She—
Not He,
Not anymore,
For men have hurt others more than they
Have hurt themselves
And She aims only to heal—
Has a siren's call louder than any
Ambulance wailing across the city
Late at night.
Fly on those tired,
Tattered wings
To Her.

ii. Raise your battered fists once more
And beat the lion.
Once He told you to keep the peace,
But now you can only find rage in your
Soul and a lack of a sword for your fists.
This will do,
Pushing around the youngest urchin.
He would tell you it was okay.
He is a man, after all,
And men don't back down from dirty
brats
Starting fights with disciples.
Forget his call to care for others.
He will welcome you with open arms and
Dress your bloodied knuckles
When you enter his kingdom.
Your grief will be forgiven.

Nicene Creed

Ava Keniston and Ava Dickson

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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.**

Prayers of the People

Build Your Kingdom Here by Rend Collective

Maggie D'Angio White, Lochlin Post van der Burg

Lorelei Hipkins

You are now invited into a holy time of prayer. Feel free to leave your prayers in the comments, knowing that your prayer is our prayer.

You are invited into prayer for the church, for the world and its welfare, for our nation, and for communities throughout Maine.

You are invited into prayer for yourselves, for people who have asked for prayer, and for those who have died.

You are invited into prayer for the thanksgivings and blessings of this life.

Confession and Absolution

Hannah Maeve Was

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in our love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Rev. Brent Was

The Peace

St. Paul's, Brunswick, Family Group

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn *Seek ye first*
The Hymnal 1982 #711

Forest and Violet Holbrook, St. Andrew's, Newcastle

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rev. Cn. Sara D'Angio White

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Anthea Beesorchar

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Aramis Lopez

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Spiritual Communion *Revelation 3:20*

Catherine and Sarah Mansir

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Prayer After Communion

Auggie Lopez

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Dismissal

The Rev. Cn. Eleanor Prior

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Youth Violin Quartet

The Hymnal 1982 #7

Closer to Being Saved

Original Song by Pyam Morin

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