

WE SEEK GOD'S MERCY AND GIVE THANKS

GATHERING MUSIC

Suite for Organ Matthew H. Corl
Reflection, Cantilena

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

After the silence, the tolling Lenten bell calls us to confession.

* RESPONSIVE LITANY OF CONFESSION

David Brill

The Lenten "sacrifice" acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Search us, O Lord, for you know us through and through.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew in us a right spirit.

Have mercy on us, according to your loving kindness.

Trusting in the faithfulness of God, let us confess our sins together:

We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, in what we have done and left undone.

We have not loved you above all else or loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. For the harm we have caused, Holy God, we ask your forgiveness and the strength to begin again, through Christ our Lord.

SUNG CONFESSION (Hymn 471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HYMN 441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

NETTLETON

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

I Corinthians 1:26-31

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.166)

ANTHEM

Come to the Water
Abraham Roos, conductor

John B. Foley, S.J.
Arr. Jack Schrader

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord. Without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord. Without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord. All who labor, who labor without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord. Bring the children without might. Easy the load and light. Come to the Lord. Come to the water, come to the Lord.

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.77)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 409, v. 3)

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore

What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

SERMON

"The Hen in the Middle"

Dr. Butler

"For God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise."

WE PRAY AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

* HYMN 351

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

CHARLESTOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Sonata for Flute and Piano, Cantilena* Francis Poulenc
 Laurie Furtado, flute

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 370** “This Is My Father’s World” TERRA BEATA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Praeludium und Fuga in g minor, BWV 558* Johann Sebastian Bach
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

10 a.m.
