



First Sunday of Lent

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Call to Worship

Adagio Cantabile

from Cinnamon Suite for Piano

R. Nathaniel Dett

Robert Nathaniel Dett was a composer during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. He was an extremely successful composer and pianist, studying at Columbia, Harvard, and Eastman, and performing in Carnegie Hall and Boston Symphony Hall; he was also one of the first Black composers to join the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. He is most known for using spirituals and other folk songs within his compositions; his piano compositions (like this one) were romantic in style. This movement—Adagio Cantabile—comes from a larger work comprised of four movements called the Cinnamon Grove Suite for Piano.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Please stand.

Gathering Hymn

Return to God

Marty Haugen

Return to God with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Penitential Act

I confess to Almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and what I have failed to do:
(*striking chest 3 times*) through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault.
Therefore I ask the Blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us of our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Kyrie

from Mass of Charity and Love

Steven C. Warner

Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.
Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect (opening prayer)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

Reading I

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”
God added:
“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Response

Your Ways, O Lord

Psalm 25

Marty Haugen

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.
2. Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.
3. Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

Reading II

1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Laudate Omnes Gentes

Taizé Community

Laudate, omnes gentes. Laudate Dominum.
Sing praises, all you people. Sing praises to the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

Please stand.

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(*bowing*)

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer

The response is: “Lord, hear our prayer.”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated.

Preparation Song

Create in Me

Tony Alonso

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

1. A pure heart, create for me God.
Steady my weary spirit.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor take your spirit from me.

2. Save me and bring back my joy.
Support me and strengthen my will.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways
and sinners will return to you.

3. In sacrifice you take no delight.
Burnt offerings you would refuse.
My sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a changed heart you would not refuse.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand.

Priest: Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His Holy Church.

Preface

*The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right and just.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

from Mass of Charity and Love

Steven C. Warner

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

Please kneel.

Mystery of Faith

from Mass of Charity and Love

Steven C. Warner

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Great Amen

from Mass of Charity and Love

Steven C. Warner

Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Please stand.

Our Father

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.

The priest continues “Deliver us ... for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

from Mass of Charity and Love

Steven C. Warner

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Please kneel.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: “Behold the Lamb of God ... Supper of the Lamb.”

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy/Be Merciful

Ed Bolduc

So be merciful, just as our God is merciful.
Be merciful, Justas our God is merciful to us.
Let there be a wideness in our mercy.
Let there be a kindness in our hearts.
Oh, may our lives be merciful.

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good.
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in God’s blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
we would know the living Word;
and our lives would be thanksgiving
in the kindness of our Lord.

During communion we welcome everyone to walk forward to receive communion or a blessing. To help keep everyone safe, please follow all current Covid-19 related guidelines while receiving communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

Return to the Lord

Paul Tate

Return to the Lord with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.
The Lord is gracious, full of mercy,
slow to anger, rich in love.

1. Blow the trumpet in Zion!
Gather the people, sound the alarm!
The day of the Lord is near.
Come, and be cleansed.
2. Blow the trumpet in Zion!
Gather the people, sound the alarm!
The day of the Lord is near.
Come, and be healed.
3. Blow the trumpet in Zion!
Gather the people, sound the alarm!
The day of the Lord is near.
Come, and be filled.

4. Blow the trumpet in Zion!
Gather the people, sound the alarm!
The day of the Lord is near.
Come, and rejoice!
5. Blow the trumpet in Zion!
Gather the people, sound the alarm!
The day of the Lord is near.
Come, and find peace.

Thank you for praying with us, we're happy that you're here.

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