

*First Sunday in Lent*  
*2-21-2021*

# PRELUDE

G. Winston Cassler

*Chorale and Variations on STUTTGART*

*Theme—Chorale*

I. Flutes 8', 2'

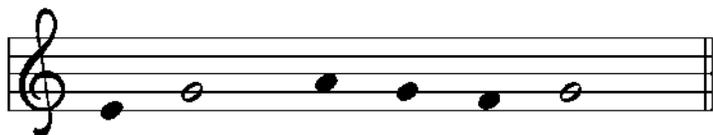
II. Flutes 8', 4'

III. Principals 8', 4'

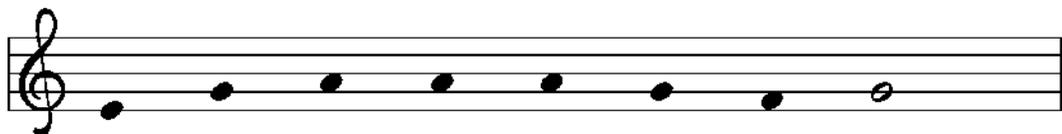
IV Bourdon 8

V. Principals [16'], 8', 4', 2', and Mixture IV

## THE OPENING



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# ***THE CONFESSION***

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

**C: God is among us!**

P: Together we are called:

**C: To go out!**

P: We are called:

**C: To care for all!**

P: We are called:

**C: To proclaim the gospel!**

P: We are called:

**C: To forgive and reconcile!**

P: We are called:

**C: To trust God for all that we need!**

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart. Together, let us confess our sins:

*A time of silence and reflection*

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For the misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

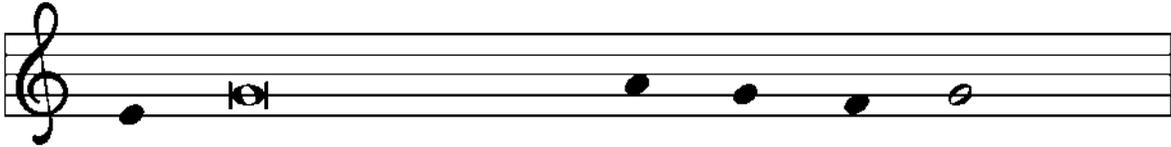
**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

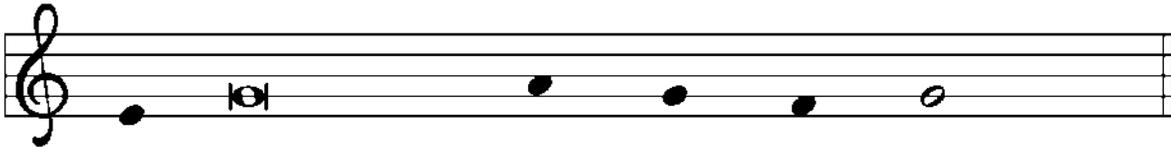
**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**



*Final response:*



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## ***READING FROM GENESIS 1:1-31***

R: A reading from Genesis the first chapter.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered

together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MARK 4:35-41***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the

stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## *CRASHING WATERS AT CREATION*



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death,  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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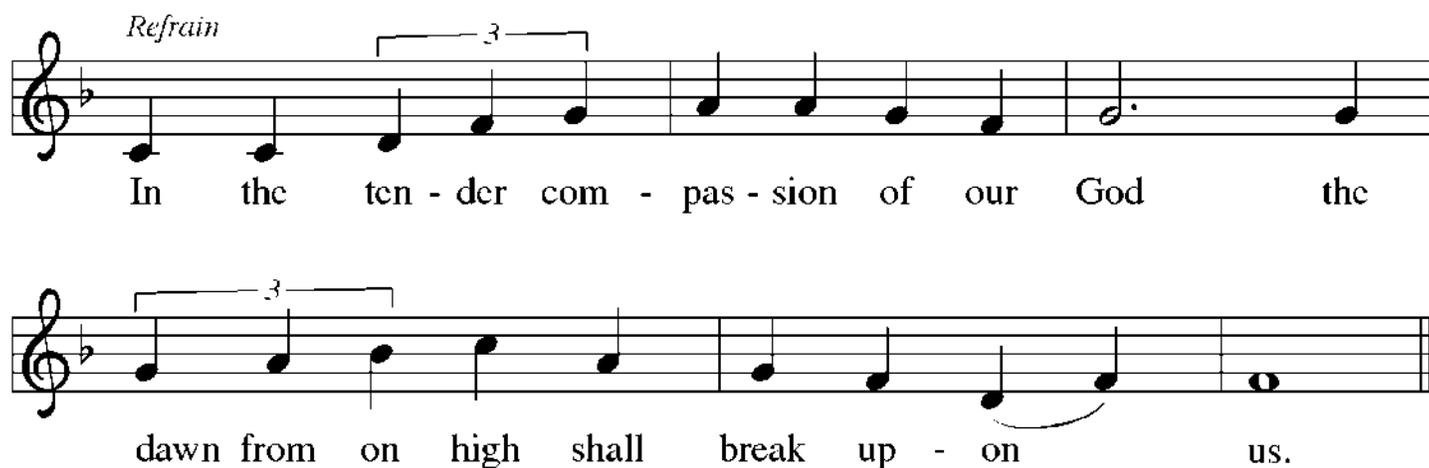
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## *SERMON*

*REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY*

# *THE GOSPEL CANTICLE*

*Refrain*



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the  
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

*The verses will be sung by our Cantor.*

# *THE APOSTLES' CREED*

P: Living together in comfort and joy, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***MEDITATION***

*Michael Burkhardt*

*ROCKINGHAM OLD  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Victor Welsch, baritone*

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

- P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C:** **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

# ***THE BLESSING***



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



A - men

# ***DISMISSAL***

P: Go in peace. For God is Among Us!

C: Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Michael Burkhardt*

*SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE  
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

# ***GOD LOVED THE WORLD***



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*. Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM O.L.D. Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

The Youth Drive-Thru  
Pancake Brunch is 11:30-1:00 PM.  
**TODAY!**

Many thanks to our Cantor, Victor Welsch,  
to Melissa Chester for serving as today's Lector and  
Deb Hohman for being today's Host.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by  
Jeannette and Jim Ruess  
in honor of their Grandchildren.



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