



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Berceuse

L. Vierne

WELCOME

Elizabeth Buchanan

INTROIT

Ave Verum Corpus

Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of the light.

God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Holy God, we sense your involvement in our lives.

Like a shepherd, you watch over us

and provide abundantly beyond our needs.

You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray.

You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity.

Let your light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not seen

and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized.

May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another.

Amen.

* HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Elizabeth Buchanan

With our limited insight, we often misjudge people and situations.
 Our view of things may be far
 from the way God sees the circumstances of our lives and our relationships.
 Individually and together,
 we are involved in sin that cuts us off from what God expects of us.
 Let us admit our need for forgiveness.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Shepherd,
we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer.
We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice,
and peace that you have set before us.
We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out.
We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves.
We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not.
Surely, we persuade ourselves,
you prefer people like us
and not those who appear, believe, or act differently.
Even as we say those words,
we know we are not in tune with your way.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change.
(moment of silent confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The goodness and mercy of God are always available to us.
We can receive these gifts when we are truly sorry for our sin
and open to the richness of God's grace.
When we let God touch our unseeing eyes, we gain new insights
and can begin to view others with the compassion of Christ.
Let us accept with joy the healing we are offered right here, right now.
Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581

Glory be to the Father

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.
God has given us all that is good and right and true.
What a joy to share these gifts with one another
in the life of this community and far beyond our own reach.
In this offering,
we return to God with eager response to all we have received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Shaw/Parker

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Elizabeth Buchanan

Let us pray together:

Loving God,
as you illumine our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities,
we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings
and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us.
All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you,
the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence.
Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go.
Amen.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All Things Come of Thee

Herbert C. Peabody

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Psalm 10 (*Sung by all*)

ABERYSTWYTH

*Lord, why stand so far from me?
Why desert in time of woe?
Hosts of evil gather 'round,
Bait my steps where'er I go.
All ambitions of their hearts
Are but for their selfish gain;
Base conceit shall count for naught;
Lofty pride resound in vain.*

*All around, dark shadows fall;
Godless hands with swords are raised;
God's great goodness meets with scorn,
In its place, injustice praised.
You, O Lord, the Judge of all
Shall reward our lives in kind;
Slaves to death, a grave is theirs,
Faithful souls, redemption find.*

Gospel

Luke 5:15-16(NRSV Updated Version)

But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds were gathering to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Meanwhile, he would slip away to deserted places and pray.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Prayer of the Lonely"

Pastor Luke Choi

* THE 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,
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 and the Son,
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.

* LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

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

1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

A more generally applicable version of a text written for the 600th anniversary of Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love* in 1393, this hymn uses a tune created for the Scotsman William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104, which appeared in several 16th-century psalters.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973; rev. 1977

MUSIC: Ravenscroft's *Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 1997

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OLD 104TH

10.10.11.11

(alternate tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM)

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God has drawn us out of the shadows of shame.

In the brightness of God's love, we are transformed.

We see much that we had not seen before.

We have glimpsed others from God's point of view.

God has challenged the way we label others.

We are invited to learn from them, not judge them.

Not all disciples of Jesus are like us.

Yet all of us are welcomed by God.

God will lead us daily by still waters.

We will be guided along the right paths.

God restores our souls and keeps us from evil.

We can count on God's goodness and mercy.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Gibbons

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Psalm 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Caroline Poirier, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell,
Bonnie Savage-Farinacci, Greg, Bob and Gail Reid,
Jackie Cole and family, the Griebel family

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.

*Add beauty to the Old Stone Sanctuary and
share love with the congregation this Easter with
Beautiful Spring Flowers.*

Deadline for ordering is Friday, March 24, 2023

Place your order (with payment) by bringing this to the church,
or make an online payment at

<https://oldstonechurch.org/giving/> and email your
order to the office (Anthony@Oldstonechurch.org)

Thank you.





Holy Week @ The Old Stone Church

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday 10 AM

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae with Communion 6 PM

April 7, 2023 Good Friday 12:15 PM

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday 10 AM

Announcing the OSC Spring Cleveland Orchestra Concert



This is the "All Mozart" Concert

When: Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 3:00 PM.

Where: Severance Music Center

11001 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland Ohio 44106

Phone: (216) 231-7300

Ticket price: \$38.00/ticket. **ORDERING DEADLINE - APRIL 1, 2023**
A minimum attendance of ten individuals is required

Make Check to: The Old Stone Church.

In the memo line indicate: April 23 Concert

Concessions are available

Parking is available at the CWRU Lot 29

You may purchase pre-parking pass by calling: (216) 231-1111

Easter Crosses

Please return your cross to the church on
Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023.



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Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113	Checks should be made payable to "Old Stone Church." If you would like to designate your contribution to one of Old Stone's mission projects, please make a note on the memo line.

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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