

Sunday, February 21th

Thank you for joining us. Please **keep your microphone muted**. We will unmute for the Prayer of the Faithful and the Our Father. But please pray heartfully wherever you are! We encourage you to have bread and cup before you. You may notice that at Charis, we currently pray most, but not all, of the prayers of the Mass. This is to make time for our shared homily.

INTO THE DESERT

Curtis Stephan and Sarah Hart


Community Welcome

Opening Song

Verses




1. Come, be - lov - ed, and rest your mind; leave the things of this
2. Stay, be - lov - ed, and lose your fear; there is heal - ing and
3. From this des - ert your life will bloom; out of de - spair is



1. world be - hind. Here I will be your dai - ly bread,
2. mer - cy here. Here I will be a liv - ing stream,
3. hope re - newed. And from this death you shall a - rise,


Refrain



1. all that you need. In - to the des - ert I will lead;
2. all that you need.
3. a - rise with me.



here in the si - lence my word will speak. And you will find



the peace you seek here in the des - ert.

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Greeting

+ In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Into your presence we come, gracious God, as your children have done throughout the centuries. In vast Cathedrals, parish churches, chapels, homes, warehouses, converted cinemas, in lonely isolated places. Alone or gathered together with others, your Church is wherever your people meet together in worship, in fellowship and in prayer. Your presence is discernable wherever your Spirit is allowed to enter. Be with us now, God of infinite presence. **Amen**

Our Reconciliation with God and Each Other

**Spirit of God, who led Jesus into the desert to fast and pray,
Lead us as we enter this time of Lent.
Give us courage to scrutinize our hearts with honesty;
Give us strength to deal with what we find;
Give us love to forgive ourselves and each other,
So that, in peace and joy, we may celebrate at Easter
The death and resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for each of us.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

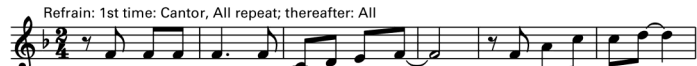
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:


TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL (PSALM 25)

Bob Hurd


Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spir-it




to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

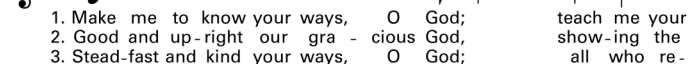


To you I lift up my soul. To you I lift up my soul.

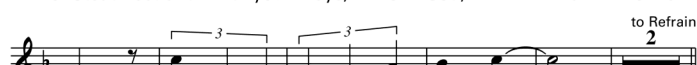
Verses: Cantor



1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your



2. Good and up-right our gra-cious God, show-ing the



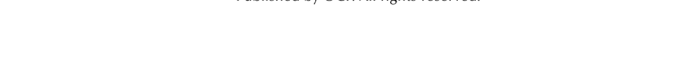
3. Stead-fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re-



1. paths, guide me. † You are my Sav-ior.



2. way, guid-ing the hum-ble to jus-tice.



3. vere your cov-e-nant † know your friend-ship.

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Prayers of the Faithful

Our response is **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**. You will be invited to unmute your mike to share your prayers. Thanks!

During the offertory hymn, we invite you to bring plate and cup to wherever you are, trusting that we are at one table in Christ. If you would like a special Charis Communion set, please let us know at community@charisecc.org. We would be delighted to get you one.

Offertory

If you would like to support our ministries in this challenging time of our life as community during the offertory, you can contribute using the fb donate button or on our website: www.charisecc.org.

Song: **You Can do this Hard Thing** by Carrie Newcomer

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty and holy One. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all the Church.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Presider: Blessed are you... praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.**

Presider: ...He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: **Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: **Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Presider: Send your Spirit to fill us ... For it is **through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours almighty God, forever and ever, Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of the fullness of God's reign on earth, as Jesus taught us: **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, the power and the glory, now and forever, Amen.**

Bless those today who persevere in faith and hope, and reveal to each of us our purpose in the fulfillment of your kingdom. **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.**

Presider: This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready... For this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation: And we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread and in the one cup. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

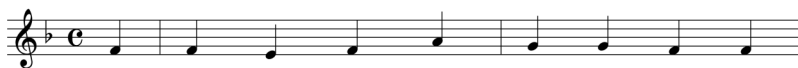
God, as we take this journey that draws us ever closer to you
Walk with us
Sustain us,
Nurture us.
God, as we go through the wilderness of Lent and of our lives,
Send your manna to us,
give us wisdom to turn from temptation
And your grace to turn to.
God, as we walk through the pot holes of life,
The valleys, the pits of life,
Guide us with your hand
Keep our feet steady,
And our vision on you.
God, whether we choose to give up something for Lent
Or do something positive,
Let us not do it out of obligation
Or the tyranny of oughtness,
But out of love for you.
Keep us in your paths of love, mercy and grace.
Lord help us to remember we are not alone
but that we are walking together as travelers home to you.
Amen

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** May Almighty God bless you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **Amen** Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us, that through this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
doubts and hope and pain, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
so to live By your most ho - ly word.
life and death, O Lord! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy We may at last at - tain!

Sign of Peace

We part from our time together offering each other a sign of Christ's peace.

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