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**GEORGETOWN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
— CHURCH —

**WORSHIP**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 7, 2010

**PRELUDE**

*Andante in C*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

**WELCOME**

Leader: The grace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**INTROIT**

*Hide Not Thy Face from Us*

Richard Farrant (1530-1581)



✠ *Please stand or sit*

*As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn off your cell phone during the worship service.  
Please, no flash photography during the service*

## OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠HYMN 339

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM Rhondda

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, which have always been with us. Then pardon, O Lord, our guilt for it is great. We have wandered from your ways; we have not worried about truth; we have been careless with life. Do not hold against us our sins, old or new, nor our transgressions, acknowledged or forgotten. Pull us from the snares of evil, relieve the troubles of our heart, and forgive all our sins.**

**And then O Lord, make us to know your ways, and lead us in your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, O you who are the God of our salvation. Guard our lives and deliver us, and may Christ's power and uprightness preserve us, making us to share his life, this day and forevermore.**

(After Psalm 25)

(Silent prayer)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✠GLORIA PATRI

Tune 546

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

✠HYMN 327

*O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly*  
Psalm 63

Stracathro



*Gave thee such a tender voice,/ Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,/ Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,/ For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, & he is mild;/ He became a little child.  
I, a child, & thou a lamb,/ We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!/ Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

✠Doxology (Hymnbook 544)

Old Hundredth

## THE COMMUNION

**The Invitation to the Table**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and highest joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. We praise you for Jesus Christ, who was tempted in every way we are, yet without sin, and who, having overcome temptation, is able to help us in our times of trial, and to give us strength to take up the cross and follow him. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore:

**All: (sung) Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. (Hymn No. 582)**

**P**rayers of **C**ommemoration:

All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your great mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature, and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it as a lasting memorial of his death and sacrifice until he comes again.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Therefore, remembering his incarnation and holy life, his death and glorious resurrection, his ascension and continual intercession for us, and awaiting his coming again in power and great glory, we claim his eternal sacrifice and celebrate with these your holy gifts the memorial your Son commanded us to make. For great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**P**rayers of **C**onsecration:

Merciful God, by your Holy Spirit bless and make holy both us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ, and the cup we bless may be a communion in the blood of Christ. Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. In your mercy, accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as, in communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, we ask you to fulfill, in us and in all creation, the purpose of your redeeming love. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts) (Hymnbook page 12)

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup:

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them and feed on him in your hearts by faith.

**All: (sung) O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest way the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. (Hymn No. 585)**

The Distribution of the Elements

**Unison Prayer after Communion: Eternal Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠HYMN 437

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

✠BENEDICTION (Please be seated after the benediction)

RESPONSE

*A Prayer of King Henry VI*

Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

POSTLUDE

*Maestoso, from Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



**Today's music**, for Lent, speaks in clear, otherworldly terms, of introspective matters. It comes from English voices, with the exception of the postlude, which was written for the organ at St. Paul's Cathedral during one of the many extended periods in which Mendelssohn lived in London. We welcome and thank Mark Willey for his contribution as guest organist today.



**The flowers** in the Chancel today are given in memory of Barbara from Jack, Joan, Ann and the Bowersox family.



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Readings are from the “New Revised Standard Version” translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.



*Visitors and members are cordially invited to join us for a Lunch Bunch in the Georgetown Room.*



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## *Our History*

The Georgetown Presbyterian Church has over two hundred years of distinguished history. There was a small group of worshipers in 1760 that was organized into a church in 1780 under the eminent Stephen Bloomer Balch, pupil of religious leader John Witherspoon and soldier of the Revolution. Ours is the first Presbyterian Church in what was to become modern-day Washington, D. C., and the oldest church here of any denomination with an unbroken ministry. Until long after the national capital was established many of the baptisms, weddings and funerals in Washington were solemnized in our church. Men and women of every denomination worshiped with us, including many leaders of the young republic.

The first, and for many years the only, Protestant church building in Georgetown was erected by our congregation in 1782. Additions were made in 1794 with Thomas Jefferson listed among the contributors. A rare charter, still in effect, was granted in 1806 to “the Presbyterian Congregation in George Town” by an act of Congress signed by President Jefferson. In 1810, our seal, with its seven stars and Bible, was given to the church by the superintendent of the Mint. In 1821, President Monroe laid the cornerstone for the beautiful Bridge Street building which was moved fifty years later to our present site, with President Grant laying the cornerstone. This is the building which we have restored and in which we now worship.

Our church pioneered in both the religious and cultural life of the community. In 1781, Dr. Balch became headmaster of the Columbian Academy to which George Washington sent his nephews and wards. Later, a school for girls was founded. The first book published in the District of Columbia was written by Dr. Balch, and he helped to found the first public library. Out of our church, under his broad-minded leadership, Episcopal and Methodist as well as Presbyterian churches were established in Washington and Maryland.

Our church bell tolled all day when President Washington died. In our church George Washington Parke Custis, the grandson of Martha Washington and father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, delivered an oration on the defeat of Napoleon. Memorial services for President William Henry Harrison were conducted here. During the Civil War, our building was used as a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers, including casualties after the Second Battle of Manassas and the Battle of Fredericksburg. In these and many ways, this church has been identified with the history of the nation it has sought to serve.