

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

Holy Eucharist

March 19, 2023 – 10:30am

PRELUDE | Quiet Praise
When I survey the wondrous cross

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The Word of God

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

HYMN | Lead us, heavenly Father (Dulce carmen)

hymnal 559

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

John Goss



1 The | Lord is ■ my | shepherd; *
 I | shall not | be in | want.
 2 He makes me lie | down in ■ green | pastures *
 and | leads me ■ be|side still | waters.
 3 He re|vives my | soul *
 and guides me along right | pathways ■ for his | Name's | sake.
 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no | evil; *
 for you are with me; your | rod and ■ your | staff, they | comfort me.
 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of | those who | trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my | cup is | running over.
 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of ■ my | life, *
 and I will dwell in the | house of ■ the | Lord for|ever.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.”

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HYMN | Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old (St. Matthew)

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
 it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave.
 To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame,
 the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight;
 and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light:
 and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore,
 in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.

3 Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death;
 restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath:
 to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Our Savior.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A brief silence follows the sermon.

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,
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervenor: Risen Lord,
People: Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRATIONS AND INVITATIONS

The Holy Communion

VOLUNTARY | Voluntary on *Petra*

arranged by John Behnke, b. 1953

At the Presentation:

The people stand as the offering is brought forward

Take my life and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SURSUM CORDA *sung*

S120 in front of the hymnal

SANCTUS *sung*

S122 in front of the hymnal

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

People: **You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.**

Celebrant: You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

People: **But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.**

Celebrant: Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

People: **Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.**

Celebrant: Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

People: **Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

Celebrant:

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

People: **Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

LORD'S PRAYER *traditional, sung*

S119 in front of the hymnal

THE FRACTION | Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *sung*

S160 in front of the hymnal

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

VOLUNTARY | Jesus paid it all

arranged by Patricia Cota

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

FINAL HYMN | In His search for Saul's Successor (Beach Spring)

1. In his search for Saul's suc - ces - sor Sam - uel
2. How i - ron - ic that the guard - ians of the
3. On the jour - ney to your king - dom we have
sought out Jes - se's sons. Though the old - er all ap -
word their God re - vealed should not rec - og - nize in
blun - dered from the way, stum - bled blind - ly in the
proached him, Sam - uel chose the youn - gest one. To ex -
Je - sus that same word in flesh con - cealed, when a
dark - ness, shunned your guid - ance, gone a - stray. Je - sus,
plain God's choice of Da - vid he in - voked pro - phet - ic
blind man with no learn - ing but the touch of Je - sus'
heal our fault - y vi - sion; come, re - store our cloud - ed
art: "Hu - mans judge by mere ap - pear - ance but God
hand should pro - fess him as a proph - et and con -
sight so we walk where you would lead us in - to
sees in - to the heart."
fess him "Son of Man!"
ev - er - last - ing light."

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POSTLUDE | Chorale prelude on *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Tuesday, March 21

8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
9:45am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30pm Living Well Through Lent (In Person & Zoom)
6:30pm Hymn Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

6:30am Dawn Patrol Bible Study
8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, March 23

6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 26

8:00am Eucharist

Spoken Eucharist

10:30am Eucharist

Choral Eucharist

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