



*Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Opening Song

O Word of God

O Word of God, come in - to this space. O Word of
God, come send us your grace. O - pen our minds;
show us your truth. Trans-form our lives a - new.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this:
Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

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.**

Arcangelsky Trisagion (sung 3 times)

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has two lines of music. The first line of the first system has the lyrics "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second line of the first system has the lyrics "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The second system has two lines of music. The first line of the second system has the lyrics "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second line of the second system has the lyrics "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

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 God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives 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.

Second Reading

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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Principal Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -
 pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will
 see the sal - va - tion of our God — Pre -

Secondary Canons

1.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

2.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
 ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, Jesus 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the sermon.

Song

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 and its right-eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
 add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

The Prayers of the People

standing

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Bob, Paige, Brandon and Ben; Frank, C.C. and Grace; Paula; and Gayle, members of our parish family, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Dan Mullally, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider As we join our hearts together, let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

People **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings

Solemn Prayer

Presider Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

Closing Song

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring many eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 5, and the second system contains measures 6 through 10. Measure numbers 1, 6, and 3 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-
fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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Prayer List

Mark	Joy
Joann	Amy
Kenny	Kathie
Len	John
Peggy	Shelly
Pauline	Julie
Maggie	Matthew
Eloise	Dave
Katherine	Pat
Violaine	John
Jennifer	Rosella
Pam	John
Mary Pat	Betty
Chris	David
Carmel	Rev. Robert
Cammy	Bev
Robyn	Mike
Skip	Amy
Rev. Steve	Meg
Sasha	Rick
Pat	Chaz
Rick	Marcos
Bob	Phil
Teresa	Jim
Paula	Jordan
Jeff	Judy
Grace	Dick

Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason

Please Pray for those who have died

Dan Mullally

*Rest Eternal grant to him, O God
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*