

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26th, 2017, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

What is Lent? VERY simply Lent is a season set aside when we try to grow closer to God by simple living, prayer and fasting. Lent is a an invitation to “repent” – to re-focus our lives to be more in tune with Jesus, to love and give up un-loving ways. Lent is the 40 days before Easter excluding Sundays.

Why the color purple? Purple symbolizes “repentance”.

The Word of God

Prelude: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618 (O Lamb of God, innocent)

J.S. Bach

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Opening Hymn

O, for a Thousand Tongues

Hymn #493

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please stand or kneel as able, and join in saying,

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

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

Please STAND as able, and join in singing

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Tune by Johann Cruger (1598-1662) Setting by Kevin Hackett ©1991 CELEBRATION

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Peter Huang

Preacher: Mr. Peter Marshall, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Samuel.

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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anglican chant is a treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church, and we will be using it through the season of Lent.

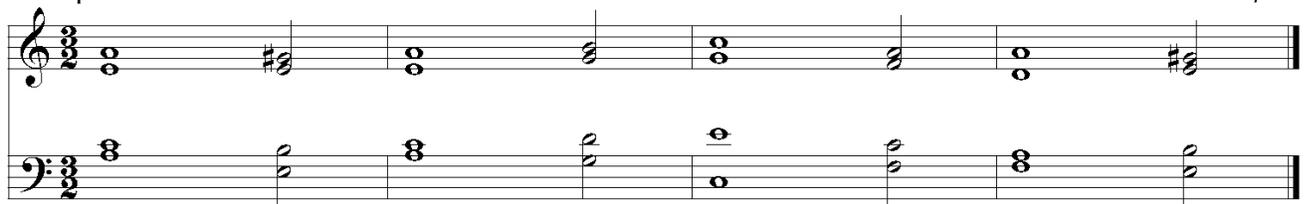
We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), which indicates to move to the next note.

Remaining seated, please sing (or read silently) along.

The Response

Psalm 23

Hal Hopson



*The Lord's my shepherd, all my need through him will be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields the Lord will be my guide.*

*The Lord revives me, guides my feet on pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though I walk through darkest night.*

*Your rod and staff, they comfort me; in presence of my foes
You feed me; you anoint my head and my cup overflows.*

*Your goodness and your mercy, Lord, shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house for all eternity.*

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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."

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

Earthen Vessels

Joseph Foley, SJ

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We hold a treasure not made of gold, in earthen vessels, wealth untold. One treasure only, the Lord, the Christ, in earthen vessels." The score ends with a double bar line.

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The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please join in singing 'Earthen Vessels' as the procession returns.



Please be seated for

The Sermon

Mr. Peter Marshall

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All **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.

Please stand for,

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that we are spiritual beings in an earthly journey. Inspire us to make choices that lead us into more authentic relationships with you, with ourselves and with others. Receive our prayers as we journey through this season of reflection, growth and change.

We pray for our church. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. Lead us to deeper trust in your healing grace. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our nation. Help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being and to welcome the stranger and refugee. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the truth of love and the power of forgiveness. May we lead lives that are peaceful and just, balanced and joyful. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Kelly Hall, Gavin Larson, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman, and Steve. Strengthen and protect them. God of mercy, **make us new.**

God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your confirmands ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence. We pray for youth confirmands: Aidan, Chloe, Cole, Grace, Hannah, Joe, Lauren, Max, Sidney and Sofia; and for adults who will be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in their baptismal vows: Liz and Dick, Donna and Richard, Mark and Doug, Sandra, Michele, Beth, and Billy and Magee. Bless their leaders—Holly, Kristina and Paula+ with a sensitive ear to their particular questions and needs, and may you lovingly guide them as they guide others in their spiritual journeys. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the afflicted, the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Chong-Kyun Kim, Jim Lawson, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Margaret and Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now... *{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*, and empower us to engage your healing love. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially Phyllis and Joe Golowka, aunt and uncle of David Gerhardt... {please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}. God of mercy, **make us new.**

Silence

Celebrant God of our Lenten journey, renew us, transform us and lead us to any who need us. Help us appreciate the earthliness and sacredness of being human, for the sake of Jesus, who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Stretch us to receive ever more deeply your unrelenting love among us.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children of the parish gather at the altar to experience the mystery and joy of Communion up close, so their Sunday School learning may come alive in their experience.

Offertory Anthem

Shepherd Me, O God

Marty Haugen

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,

I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **REFRAIN**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **REFRAIN**

Thou I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **REFRAIN**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **REFRAIN**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

REFRAIN

Offertory Hymn

What Wondrous Love

WONDRIOUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my
soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his
crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.

American Folk Hymn, Hymn #439 The Hymnal 1982

Please stand as able for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
6 full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, in the name of the
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LAND OF REST American Folk Tune, Arrangement by Annabel Buchanan (1889-1983)Worship, Love , & Praise #859

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it...

...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.



Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God

ST FLAVIAN

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin ___ of the world, Have
mer - cy up - on ___ us, have mer - cy on ___ us. world,
grant ___ us thy peace, Grant us ___ thy ___ peace.

Tune ST FLAVIAN from Day's Psalter, 1562.

The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.**

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

Communion Music *(The choir will be sitting in the congregation during the singing of the Communion hymn)*

Please join in singing,

I Will Show You Hidden Things

Linda Larkin



Words and Music by Linda Larkin.

Please kneel or stand as able

The Post Communion Prayer

All God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer, fasting, and service may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness this Lent, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God our Creator, of Christ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of God

Hymn #490

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott Lässt Walten, BWV 642 (He who will suffer God to guide Him)*

J.S. Bach

