



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*  
March 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME**

Welcome to historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex as you leave the service today. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St. Paul's.

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery located just across from the elevator on the Main Level of the Education Building.*

*Today's liturgy is found in this service sheet and also in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew rack.  
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew rack.  
A hymn number preceded by an 'S' is in the front section of the hymnal.*

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## Prelude

24 Pièces en style libre, Op.31, *Berceuse*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

## Welcome and Announcements

### Hymn at the Procession

The glory of these forty days

**Hymnal 143**  
*Erhalt uns, Herr*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth forever.**

### The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A Song of Praise: Kyrie

**Hymnal S 91**

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord have mer-cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

### The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

BCP p. 167

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated*

### The Old Testament Reading

I 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me*

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; \*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; \*

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely 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 New Testament 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 490

*Houston*

I want to walk as a child of the light

## The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

*Please stand*

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 326

*Celebrant and People together*

**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 kneel or stand as you are able*

## **The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church**

### **The Confession**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Please be seated*

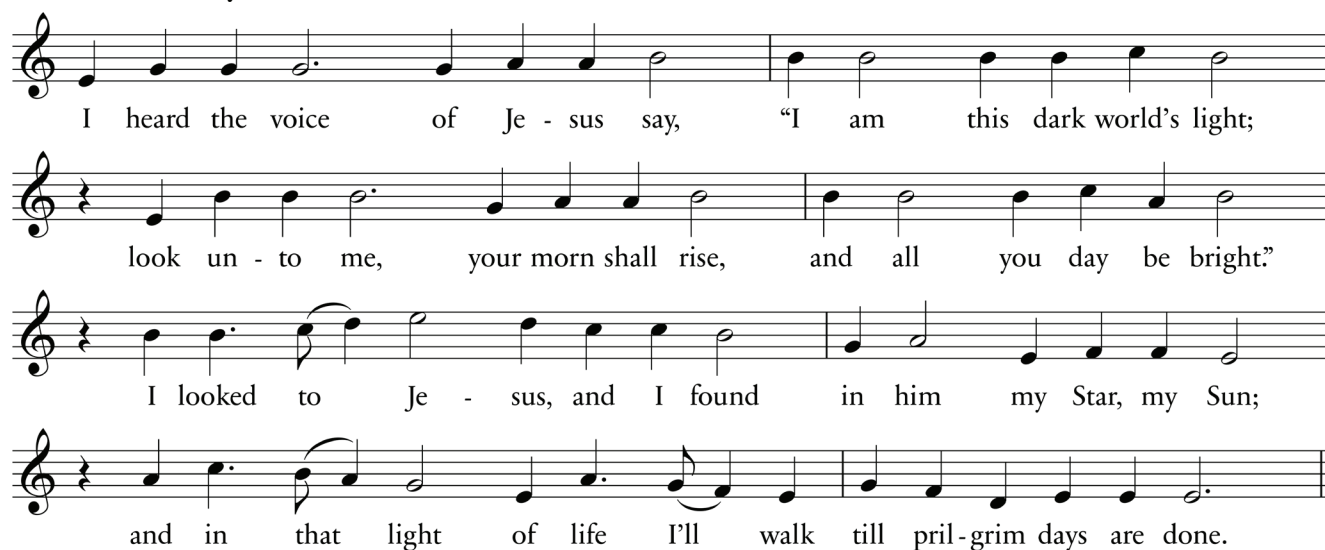
### **The Offering**

The Lord is my shepherd

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

*Please stand*

### **The Presentation Hymn**



I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all you day be bright."  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

Words: Horatious Bonar (1808-1889), alt.  
Music: *The Third Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Eucharistic Prayer II, The Book of Common Prayer, p. 340*

## *Sursum Corda*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

## *Celebrant*

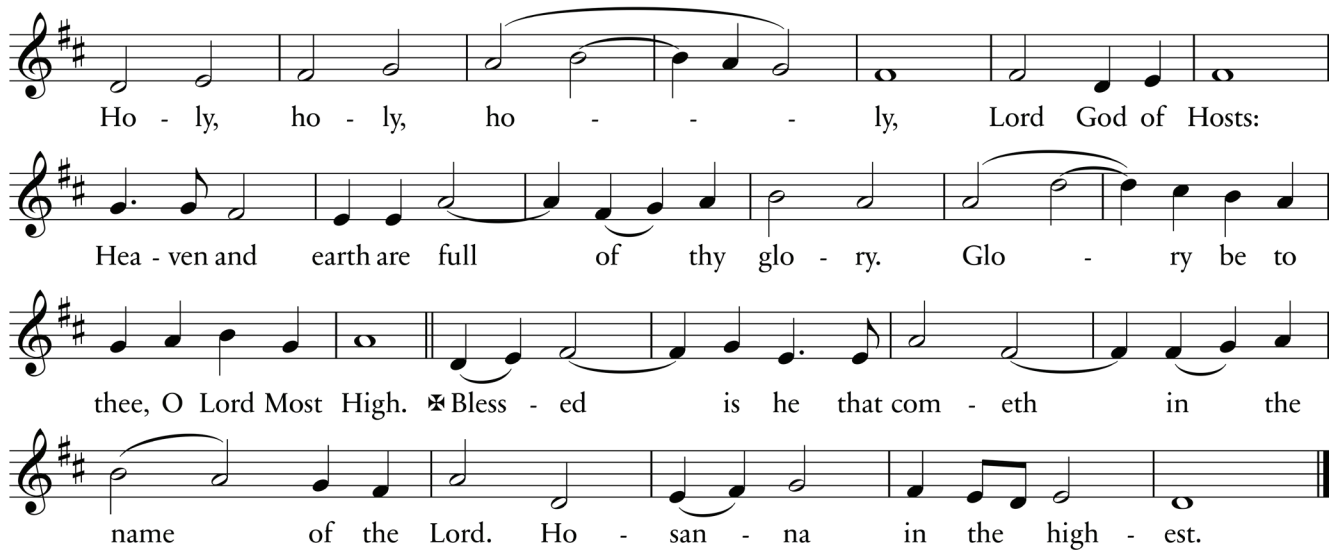
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

## *A Proper Preface is said*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus

Hymnal S 114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to  
thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*from Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## *Please kneel or remain standing as you are able, the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ✠ our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for thee.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

BCP p. 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### **The Invitation**

## The Communion of the Faithful

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
Please let an Usher know if you are unable to come forward and Communion will be brought to you.  
Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.*

### Canticle: *Nunc Dimittis*, sung by the Choir

tone: Joseph Barnby  
(1838-1896)

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### Communion Hymn

Hymnal 339  
*Schmücke dich*

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

### The Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel or stand as you are able*

*People and Celebrant*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### The Solemn Prayer over the People

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please stand*

### Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Hymnal 429  
*Old 113<sup>th</sup>*

I'll praise my maker while I've breath

### Dismissal

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## *Those Serving Today*

The Rev. Todd M. Vie, The Rev. Dr. Nina Salmon,  
The Rev. Deacon Bill Bumgarner, *St. Paul's Clergy*  
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William Coleman, Kyle Lucado, *Acolytes*  
John Williams, *Verger*  
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Bill Kershner, Liesel Kittlitz, *Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

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Ryan Davis, Herb Edwards, Tommy Feazell, Mac Frankfort, Tom Morris, Daryl Yoder  
Sumner Jenkins, *St. Paul's Choir*

George Hurt, Bobby Montgomery, Turner Perrow, Kemp Houck, *Ushers*  
Leila Lou Baldwin, Kay Hughes, Becky Talley, *Altar Guild*  
Patty Garbee, Sue Ellen Inman, Jeanie Stone, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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*To Know Christ, To Worship Christ, To Serve Christ, To Make Him Known*