

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 19, 2022 8:45AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**Prelude**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

**Silent Procession**

**Penitential Order**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

**Confession & Absolution**

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**Kyrie**

Maher, Le and Ndolo

*Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe, eleison, Christ, have mercy.*  
*Kyrie, eleison. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**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 Lessons**

**The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>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." <sup>2</sup>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.'" <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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.

### **The Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \* I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### **Sequence Music**

#### *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.*

### **The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>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?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

## Gospel Response

*In my trials Lord walk with me. In my trials Lord walk with me when my heart is almost breaking, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.*

## The Sermon

### Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

### Prayers of the People

Presider or Deacon We pray to you O Lord,

*Music Response  
after each petition*

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to

yond my fears, from death to

life. life.

life. life.

## The Peace

## HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Music

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Bancroft | Cook

When evil tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

### Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.***  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

Dufford/Schutte

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna on high. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna on high.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***  
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .  
. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

***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.*

***Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you lay down your life for the world: have mercy on us.***

***Final Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you lay down your life for the world: O grant us, O grant us your peace.***

## **Communion Music**

### *Compassion Hymn*

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**Verse 1:** There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us  
When the radiance of heaven Came to rescue the lost  
You called the sheep without A shepherd to leave their distress  
For Your streams of forgiveness And the shade of Your rest

**Verse 2:** And with compassion for the hurting You reached out Your hand  
As the lame ran to meet You And the dead breathed again  
You saw behind the eyes of Sorrow and shared in our tears  
Heard the sigh of the weary Let the children draw near

**Chorus:** What boundless love what fathomless grace You have shown us O God of compassion.  
Each day we live an off'ring of praise as we show to the world Your compassion.

**Verse 3:** We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry And gazed on Your face  
At the thorns of oppression And the wounds of disgrace  
For surely You have borne our suff'ring And carried our grief  
As You pardoned the scoffer And showed grace to the thief

**Verse 4:** How beautiful the feet That carry this gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice And the valleys of need  
To be a voice of hope and healing To answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless With the mercy of Christ

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### *Be Thou My Vision*

Tomlin | Cash | Reeves

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Silent Recession**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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