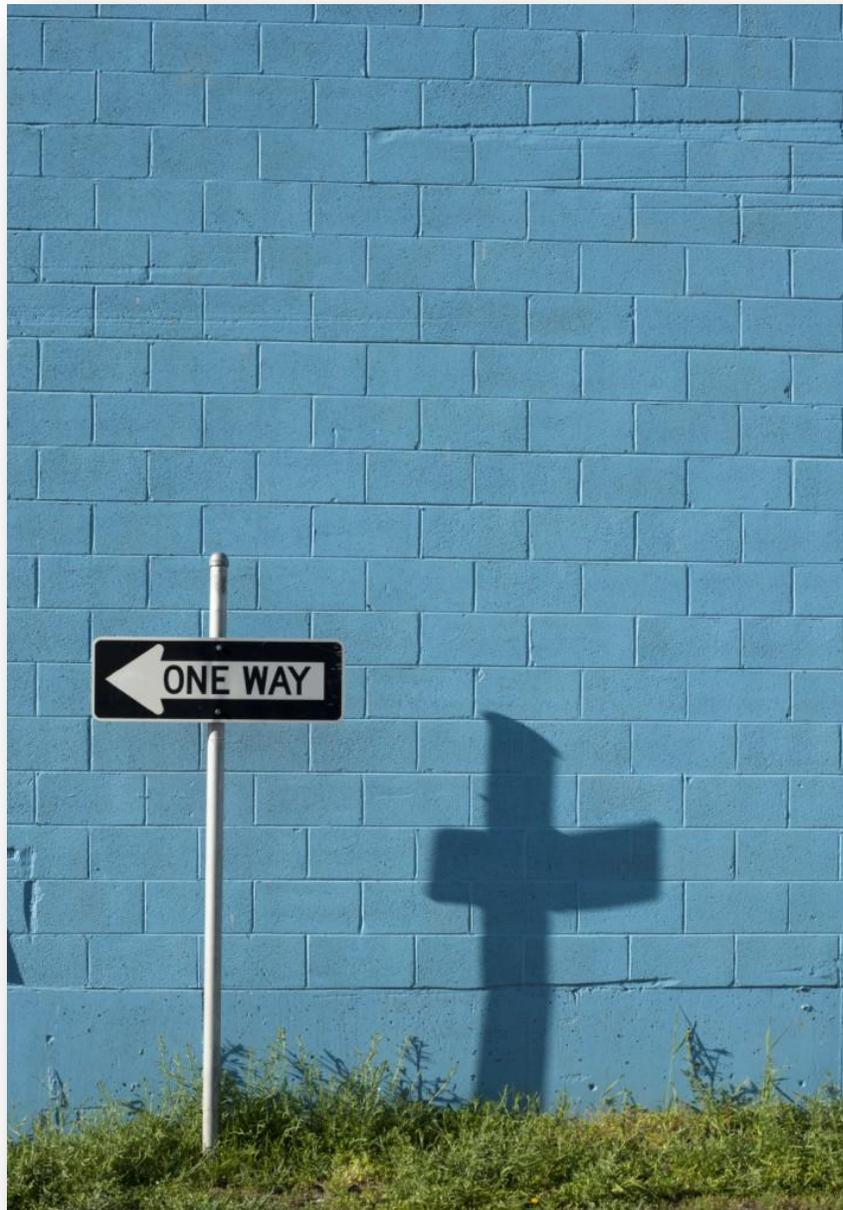




THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

OPENING MUSIC

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Priest:

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."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept, then minister and people say together

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.

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.**

The musical score is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Priest: Let us pray.

PRAYER

God of the present moment,
 God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
 bring hope and courage to us as we wait in uncertainty.
 Bring hope that you will make us the equal
 of whatever lies ahead.
 Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
 for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

AMEN.**LESSON**

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Said in Unison***PSALM**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 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.

HYMN

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
 Je - sus to walk with me; all a -
 long my pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want
 Je - sus to walk with me.

THE GOSPEL

John 9: 1 - 25

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Gospel is read

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Harlon Dalton, Missional Priest-In-Charge

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Holy One, in the midst of profound and unfamiliar life changes, we rely on your steadfast and loving covenant with us. At our Baptism, we became part of Christ's Body, the Church, for whom we pray now. As one spiritual family, we lift up all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

Leader: Merciful One, the effects of COVID-19 are tragic, especially for the elderly, the poor, the homeless, and the mentally ill. Heal our 'blindness' so that we can recognize a practical way to lend a hand. We pray for our leaders to make wise decisions; we pray for those directly caring for all affected in this pandemic.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

Leader: Faithful One, help us to live as children of light. We need courage and clarity to be your witnesses in this world.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

Leader: Anointed One, we pray for your healing touch on all who need our prayers, especially those who participate in the 12 step programs. We also pray for Claudia, Debbie, James, Leota, Roger Greeley (Bethany's father), Thurmon and Wilma, as well as those on our prayer list and others whom we name in silence, or aloud...

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially The Right Rev. Barbara Harris, that your will for them may be fulfilled.

Life-giving God, we pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Sally Fleming, Judy Hopkins, Nancy Noyes, and Hanne Howard.

Celebrant: This Lent, may we:

Fast from judging others;

Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness;

Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from discontent;

Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;

Feast on patience.

Fast from negatives;

Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness;

Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern;

Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;

Feast on truth.

Fast from anxiety;

Feast on faith.

AMEN.

Following the Prayers of the People, all sing

HYMN W827 Oh Lord hear my Prayer

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "O Lord hear my pray'r O Lord hear my pray'r When I call, ans - wer me. O". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r Come and lis-ten to me. O". The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns using quarter and eighth notes.

THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes. **Y con tu espíritu.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Grace Notes)

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (p. 367)

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant:

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 in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and St. James 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.

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

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

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.

PADRE nuestro que estás
en los cielos santificado sea
tu Nombre, venga tu reino
hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como
en el cielo.
Danos hoy el pan de este día
y perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la Gloria,
ahora y por siempre. AMEN.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Then all say

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, all stand and the People say together

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

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

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