

Sunday, March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

SERVICE NOTES: We are glad you have joined us! **If you are online**: We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online. **If you are in person**: The hymns can be found in the Hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Thank you and welcome!

PRELUDE "Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior, who turn'dst from us the wrath of God" J.S. Bach

"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" (BWV 533)

The liturgical ministers will process in silence. Please rise as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

DECALOGUEPlease kneel, as you are able.

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of

bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit murder.
People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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.

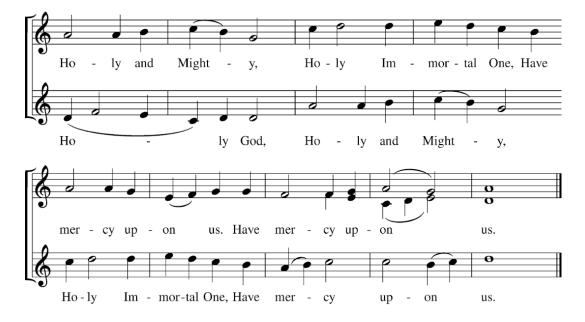
The Presider stands and says

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.

All are invited to sing the Song of Praise.







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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*.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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 shese." 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Please join in reading Psalm 23.

1 O God, you are my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures * and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul * and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
- 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 God for ever.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus.

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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SEQUENCE HYMN Picardy

Please stand, as you are able.

Cantor
 Response
 Choir
 All
 Not by bread alone are we nourished, but by ev'ry word of God.
 Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening, words of everlasting life.
 Not by bread alone are we nourished, but by ev'ry word of God.

GOSPEL John 9:1-41

Gospeller 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.

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

THE SERMON

Silence is kept after the sermon.

THE CREED

Please stand, as you are able, for the Creed.

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.

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, arouse and kindle the inner vision of those who lead us in this world, this country, and this community, so they will see themselves as you see them, and begin to shepherd their own flocks with integrity, principle, and compassion.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O God of truth and light

People Let us awake!

Leader Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, amplify your Spirit within those who are anointed to guide your Church, as we seek to walk together on right pathways and lead those who hunger and thirst to green pastures and still waters.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O God of truth and light

People Let us awake!

Leader Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, comfort all who suffer with physical illness, fear of sickness, or economic anxiety, and impart Your calming Spirit to those who give them care. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

(The deacon will first share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to share their prayer requests either silently or aloud.)

Leader O God of truth and light

People Let us awake!

Leader Eternal Shepherd, Merciful and Just, soothe the hearts of all who grieve, as our loved ones now live again in the delight of endless green pastures, dwelling in Your House forever.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O God of truth and light

People Let us awake!

Presider O Lord our God, still the turbulent waters of our times and release us from the darkness we make for ourselves. Draw us to the table that You spread before us, where the cup of Your goodness and mercy overflows in this life and anoints us for the next. We ask this through Jesus our Christ, True Light from True Light; and the Guiding Spirit of all that is Holy; who live and reign with You, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, with sensitivity to those who wish to maintain physical distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the announcement insert. We also have extended announcements on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin and/or the announcements home with you.

CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES All may join in praying.

Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY NOTES

The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the blue "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lead Gently, Lord" Clif Cason *The Choir*

A Note on the Offertory Anthem by Chris Reynolds

Paul Laurence Dunbar's hymn-like poem, "Lead Gently, Lord, and Slow," first appeared in Lyrics of the Hearthside (1899). Dunbar is the first African-American poet to become nationally known and admired, especially for his dialect poetry, such as "Lay Me Down Beneaf de Willers in de Grass," from the same collection. He died in 1906 of tuberculosis, tragically young at 32, beaten down, unable to be taken seriously for his poems in regular English, such as one of his classics, "I Know What the Caged Bird Feels." Knowing even this little about his life, one understands the prayers in this poem differently.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, / For oh, my steps are weak, And ever as I go, / Some soothing sentence speak;

That I may turn my face / Through doubt's obscurity toward thine abiding-place, / E'en tho 'I cannot see.

For lo, the way is dark; / Through mist and cloud I grope, Save for that fitful spark, / The little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, / For fear that I may fall; I know not where to go / Unless I hear thy call.

My fainting soul doth yearn / For thy green hills afar; So let thy mercy burn – / My greater, guiding star!

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia)

Please join in singing

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.

—William Walsham Howe

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Please stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Presider and People*

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (first in Spanish and then in English,)

People and Presider

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,

santificado sea tu Nombre,

venga tu reino,

hágase tu voluntad,

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,

como también nosotros perdonamos a los

que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación

y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,

y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Wine is being served via intinction only; the priest will dip your host into the chalice of wine and then offer it to you. If you would prefer to receive bread only, you may simply say so. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal 343 "Shepherd of souls" (St. Agnes) In Hymnal.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 Christ,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

Life is short, and we do not have much time

to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.

So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God,

who made us,

who loves us.

and who travels with us

be with you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light" (Houston) In the Hymnal.

DISMISSAL

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

The People depart in silence.

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