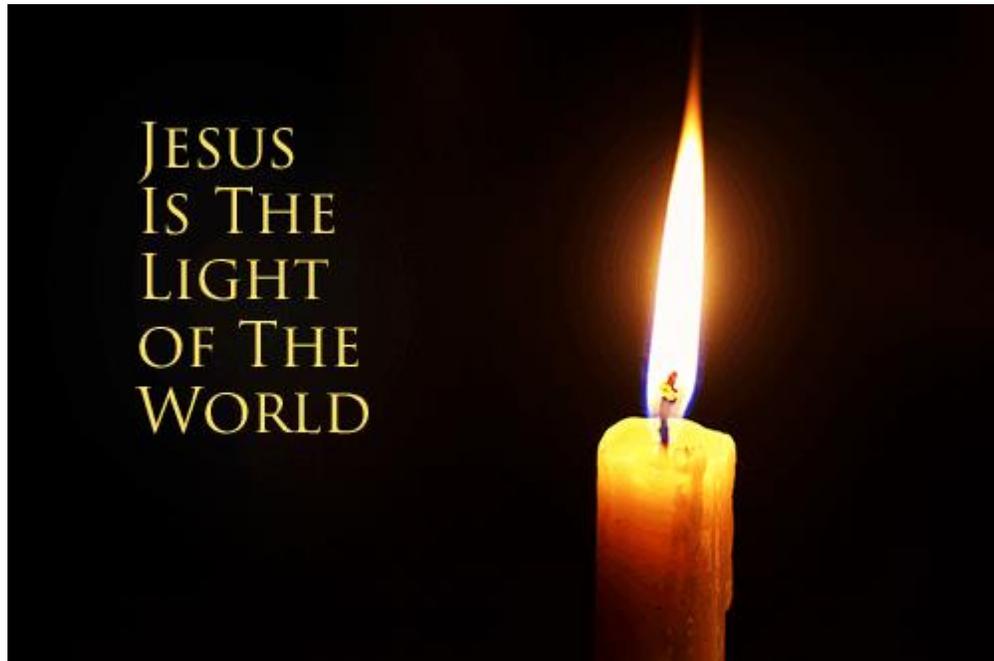


HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

March 22nd, 2020: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.
John 8:12*

Announcements

Apostolic Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Almighty God,

All: **To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation and Confession (*Please kneel*)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin. Most merciful God,

All: **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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us. *repeat three times*

Collect of the Day: Holy God, in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world, even when we are blind to your grace. Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst, so that we may see your world anew; through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1 Samuel 16:1-13. *The beginning of the monarchy permanently changed Israel's understanding of their relationship with God. King Saul has failed, and God sends Samuel to anoint David in his place. The remainder of the book, which ends with Saul's death, tells of David's rise to become the undisputed king.*

A reading from 1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 23.** It is unlikely that David wrote this psalm, which detracts nothing from the beauty and comfort emanating from every line of the poem. The psalm is linked to the reading from 1 Samuel by the account of David's anointing, and by images of sheep and shepherd.*

Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and
3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, even for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Ephesians 5:8-14. Baptismal images abound in this lesson: the passage from darkness to light, the call to awaken, and the challenge to live as children of light. Behind it stands the belief that pagans and unbelievers are not just in darkness but are darkness itself. A similar attitude is common to many religious traditions, ancient and modern, where 'true believers' regard all others as inherently evil.

A reading from Ephesians (5:8-14)

For 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Prose:

Antiphon



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst__ thee.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us, O Lord...

***John 9:1-41.** Another of John's extended stories includes one of the "Signs" by which John reveals Jesus as the Son of God, in this case, the giving of sight to a blind man. The sign's purpose is not to let him see, but to elicit his confession of faith.*

Scripture Intros by The Rev. Robin Walker.

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (9:1-41).

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given. As he 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 neighbours 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 worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement 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 Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Ven. Dr. Christopher A. Pappas

The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Response to each intercession:

Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace (*Please stand*)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #352: Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace that brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found: was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayer over the Gifts: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 5 (*Please stand*)

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might heav - en and



earth are full of your glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - - - - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est.

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.



Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.



A - - - men.

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray ...



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your



will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For-



give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the
 pow'r and the glor-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Those at home can cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing.

Fraction Anthem: Hymn #50, verses 1 & 3

1. Now, my tongue, the mystery telling,
 Of the glorious body sing,
 And the blood, all price excelling,
 Which the nations' Lord and King,
 Once on earth among us dwelling,
 Shed for this world's ransoming.

3. Word made flesh, by word he maketh,
 Very bread his flesh to be,
 Wine his blood for whoso taketh;
 And if senses fail to see,
 Faith alone the true heart waketh
 To behold the mystery.

Communion Hymn #62: Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

1 Here, Lord, we take the bro - ken bread and
2 As thou hast given, so we would give our -
drink the wine, be - liev - ing that by thy life our
selves for oth - ers' heal - ing; as thou hast lived, so
souls are fed, thy part - ing gifts re - ceiv - ing.
we would live, the Fa - ther's love re - veal - ing.

Prayer after Communion: Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

All: **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always.

Recessional Hymn #606: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more
3 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the
4 Fool - ish hearts, why will you scat - ter like a
5 For the love of God is broad - er than the

wide - ness of the sea; there's a kind - ness
felt than up in heaven; there is no place
blood that has been shed; there is joy for
crowd of fright - ened sheep? Faint - ing souls, why
mea - sure of our mind, and the heart of

in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judge - ment given.
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
will you wan - der from a love so true and deep?
the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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