



**March 19, 2023**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**9:00am**

**Prelude**

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

Charles Callahan

**Welcome**

**Hymn**

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymn 490

**A Penitential Order**

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

**The Decalogue**

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit murder. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.**

*Clergy*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*

**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.**

*Clergy*

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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Clergy* 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.**

### **Hymn**

*The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymn 645 (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

### **Holy Gospel**

John 9: 1-41

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

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

*Narrator:* As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked,

*Congregation:* **"Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"**

*Narrator:* Jesus answered,

*Jesus:* "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

*Narrator:* After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. Jesus said to him,

*Jesus:* "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"

*Narrator:* (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see. The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said,

*Congregation:* **"Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"**

*Narrator:* Some said,  
***Left side Congregation:* “It is,”**

*Narrator:* and others said,  
***Right side Congregation:* “No, it’s someone who looks like him.”**

*Narrator:* But the man said,  
*Man:* “Yes, it’s me!”

*Narrator:* So they asked him,  
***Congregation:* “How are you now able to see?”**

*Narrator:* He answered,  
*Man:* “The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

*Narrator:* They asked,  
***Congregation:* “Where is this man?”**

*Narrator:* He replied,  
*Man:* “I don’t know.”

*Narrator:* Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes on a Sabbath day. So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. The man told them,  
*Man:* “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see.”

*Narrator:* Some Pharisees said,  
***Left side Congregation:* “This man isn’t from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law.”**

*Narrator:* Others said,  
***Right side Congregation:* “How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?”**

*Narrator:* So they were divided. Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again:  
***Left side Congregation:* “What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?”**

*Narrator:* He replied,  
*Man:* “He’s a prophet.”

*Narrator:* The Jewish leaders didn’t believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. The Jewish leaders asked them,  
***Congregation:* “Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?”**

*Narrator:* His parents answered,  
*Parents:* “We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. But we don’t know how he now sees, and we don’t know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He’s old enough to speak for himself.”

*Narrator:* His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. That’s why his parents said,  
*Parents:* “He’s old enough. Ask him.”

*Narrator:* Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him,  
***Congregation:* “Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner.”**

*Narrator:* The man answered,  
*Man:* “I don’t know whether he’s a sinner. Here’s what I do know: I was blind and now I see.”

*Narrator:* They questioned him:  
***Congregation:* “What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?”**

*Narrator:* He replied,

*Man:* “I already told you, and you didn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

*Narrator:* They insulted him:

*Congregation:* **“You are his disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don’t know where this man is from.”**

*Narrator:* The man answered,

*Man:* “This is incredible! You don’t know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God’s will. No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. If this man wasn’t from God, he couldn’t do this.”

*Narrator:* They responded,

*Congregation:* **“You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?”**

*Narrator:* Then they expelled him. Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said,

*Jesus:* “Do you believe in the Human One?”

*Narrator:* He answered,

*Man:* “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

*Narrator:* Jesus said,

*Jesus:* “You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

*Narrator:* The man said,

*Man:* “Lord, I believe.”

*Narrator:* And he worshipped Jesus. Jesus said,

*Jesus:* “I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don’t see can see and those who see will become blind.”

*Narrator:* Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked,

***Right side Congregation:* “Surely we aren’t blind, are we?”**

*Narrator:* Jesus said to them,

*Jesus:* “If you were blind, you wouldn’t have any sin, but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

*Clergy*                      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

**The Nicene 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: 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Leader:*

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in the other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice.

*Silence*

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of Zion Episcopal Church in Rome and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls and their priest, The Rev. J. Brad Benson. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Easton, Maryland, and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

*Clergy:*

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Clergy*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

## Announcements

## Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

## Offertory

*Walk in the Light*

Andre Thomas

## Doxology

Hymn 397 (vs.3)

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

## The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

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## Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might\_\_\_\_ heav - en and  
earth are full\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes\_\_\_\_  
in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## Great Thanksgiving Continues

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## The Lord's Prayer

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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.

## Breaking of the Bread

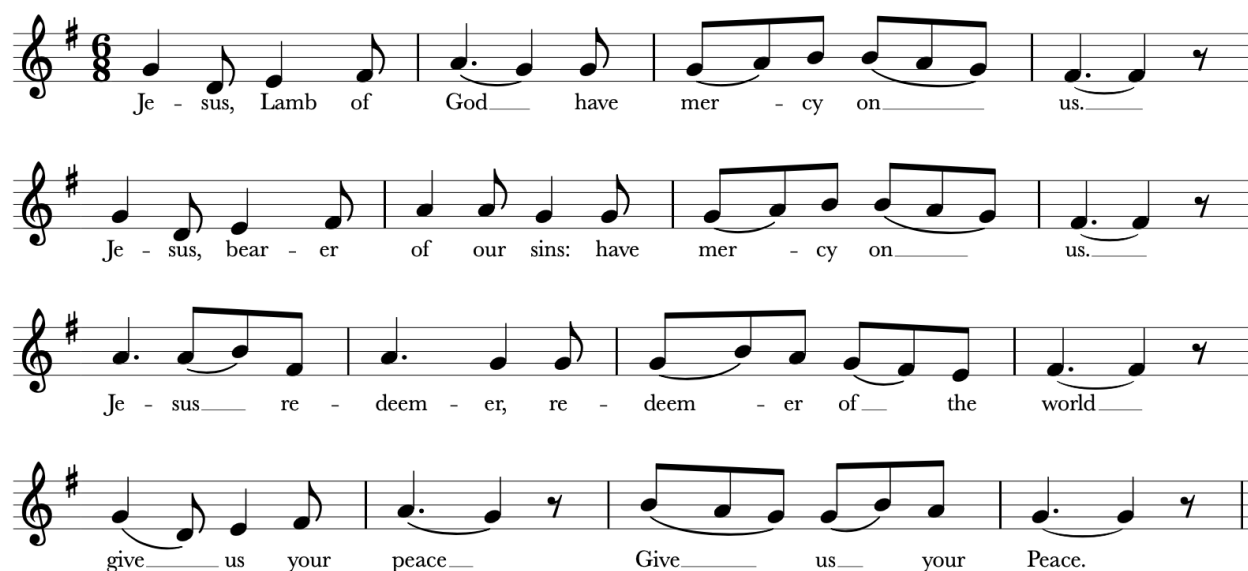
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*Clergy* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*All* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## The Communion

### Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164



Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world

give us your peace. Give us your Peace.

## Music at Communion

*Jesus Loves Me*

Charles Callahan

## The 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

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

Hymn 533

## Dismissal

*Clergy*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*          **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*He Is King of Kings*

Charles Callahan

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Rector	The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart
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