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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15th, 2026

10:30 am

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
Immigrants
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Differently Abled
Families and Children
Young and Old
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

Please stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures forever.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

TRISAGION S-100

SETTING: D. HURD

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant 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.*

Please be seated.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23

TONE VIII.1



Though I walk through the val - ley of the sha - dow of death, I shall fear



no e - vil; for you are with me.



- 1 *The LORD* is my shépherd; *
I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures *
and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul *
and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.



4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall / fear no evil; *

4b 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 the / LORD for ever. [Ant.]

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

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 The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 465

Eternal light, shine in my heart

ACH BLIEB BEI UNS

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

Celebrant 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."

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dick Schmidt

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

BCP 358

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.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence
I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence
I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence
I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence
I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence
I ask your prayers for those on our Calvary prayer list.

Silence
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant & 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, 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.*

<p>Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Missy, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, Bob, Michael, David, Sandra, Don, Linda, Grant, Grey, Dave, Zander, Nick, Shelby, Phillip, Ruth and family, Sandy, Eva, Tom, Bill, Margo, Greg, John, Michael, Jeanene, and Bob.</p>

THE PEACE *Please stand*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Be Thou my Vision

B. CHILCOTT

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art.
Be thou my best Thought, in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord.
Be thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my heart, what ever befall,

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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.*
Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

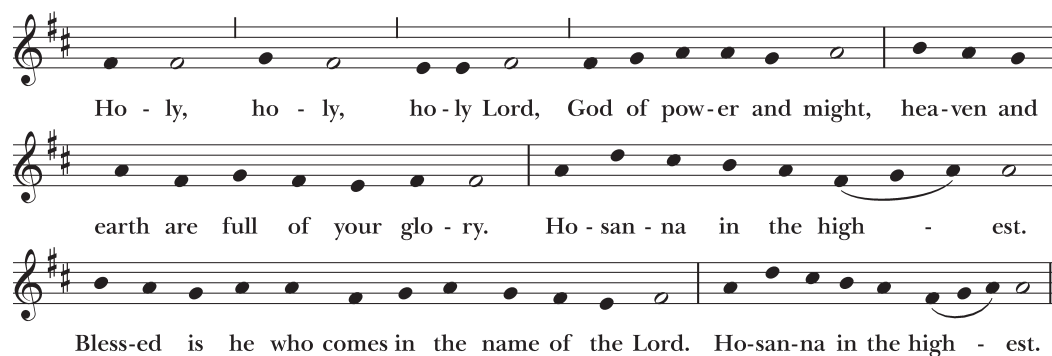
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-124

SETTING: D. HURD

The people stand or kneel



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm

B. McFERRIN

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
 She makes me lie down in green meadows,
 Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul,
 She rights my wrongs,
 She leads me in a path of good things,
 And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark & dreary land,
 There is nothing that can shake me,
 She has said She won't forsake me,
 I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
 She anoints my head with oil,
 And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness & kindness will follow me,
 All the days of my life,
 And I will live in her house,
 Forever, forever & ever.

Glory be to our Mother, & Daughter,
 And to the Holy of Holies,
 As it was in the beginning, is now & ever shall be,
 World, without end. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN 664

My shepherd will supply my need

RESIGNATION

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whose you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION 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.*

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rose & Lowell Wilson
by Judy and Richard Wilson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies Donations for Easter lilies are now being accepted. You may donate in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or simply to the glory of God. A minimum donation of \$35 is requested. Please use the form available on the Calvary website or in the back of the church. The deadline is Monday, March 30th. Contact Taylor Howell at (502) 587-6011 or office@calvaryepiscopal.org to submit your donation or leave the form and donation in the offering plate at the service on Sunday.

Updates from the Senior Warden In collaboration with the Diocesan office, we have interviewed multiple candidates for the position of Interim Rector. The process is continuing, and we expect to make an announcement in a few weeks. Details about the annual Parish Meeting will be announced soon. Please contact Andrew Weinberger with any questions. This Sunday, we welcome The Rev. Dick Schmidt back to the pulpit.

CLCM Annual Campaign Mark your calendars and make plans to attend CLCM's exciting Annual Campaign event on Sunday, March 22. Doors open at 2pm at Noble Funk, 922 S 2nd St, and a special live taping of Secrets of Bluegrass Chefs will begin at 3pm. Limited tasting tickets are available, as well as a silent auction and children's activities. All are welcome, and bring a friend! If you can't make the event but would like to support our work, donations can be made online at www.CentralLouisvillecm.org, or by mailing a check to 809 S 4th St, Louisville KY 40203.

Lenten Bible Study A Lenten Bible Study, led by Robert Dever, will take place each Sunday through 29 March from 9:30-10:15 in the Rector's Office. On the fourth Sunday of Lent, the parable will be The Loving Father found in Luke 15:11-32, with the theme of forgiveness. All are welcome to gather and reflect on these magnificent teachings of Jesus and what they mean for living our lives during these challenging times.

EFM Book Study The Calvary Education for Ministry (EFM) group is hosting a book study of God's Joyful Surprise by Sue Monk Kidd. The EFM study guide describes the book as "an engaging account of her transition from the hectic daily life of a Christian mother, wife, nurse, and volunteer to discovering what it truly means to abide in God." Discussion meetings will be Thursdays on March 26th (Chapters 1-8) and April 9th (Chapters 9-16) from 6-8 pm. Please RSVP to mary@parts123.com by March 15th – we'd love to have you join us!

TODAY WE WELCOME
The Rev. Dick Schmidt

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