



St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Croton-on-Hudson, NY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020

9:30 am

A few notes about the service:

*The entirety of this service is provided in this worship bulletin. Resources include the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Enriching Our Worship 1 (EOW).

*The three lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation of the Bible.

*Please contact The Rev. Jenny Owen with any suggestions! rector@stacroton.org

Come! Let us worship!

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People 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.*

The Priest alone 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.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

ANTIPHON

Our God is full of compassion and mercy: *O come let us worship.*

INVITATORY

*All: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*

*Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.*

*For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.*

*So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.*

*My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,*

*When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.*

*For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.*

*My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.*

Psalm 23

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴Though 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.
- ⁵You 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.
- ⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 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 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.

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

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

8Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—9for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14for 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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SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle L (EOW): A Song of Christ's Humanity

Philippians 2:6-11

*Though in the form of God, **

*Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.*

*Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.*

*Therefore, God has highly exalted him **

*and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.*

THIRD READING: John 9:1-41

A Reading from John.

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.”

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People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Sharon Manning Lew

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

*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.

The Prayers

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People *And listen to our prayer.*

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

Officiant and People

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers to God, who justified us through the death of his Son and rescued us from the disobedience of our forebears, as we respond, “Lord have mercy.”

That as you led your people through the waters of the Red Sea and in the desert of their awakening, so lead us through this season of Lent into the unfolding gift of your divine imagination; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

For the courage to face our demons of confusion, desolation, and darkness, that through the quest for truth we may summon the faith and strength to put them to flight; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

For our country, the world, and all its leaders, that we may strive for the common good over personal gain, sharing territory and lands across tribal, religious, and ethnic divides, offering security to all, and honoring the image of God in those who differ from us; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

For our absent sisters and brothers, that they may feel called to return to our community of faith, where we wait to welcome them with thanksgiving and joy; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

For all who have died (especially...) and for all who are experiencing the many faces of loss, that they may know that nothing separates us from the love of God revealed through Christ Jesus; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

That we may be faithful in prayer, fasting, and the generous giving of alms, so that we may prepare our souls for the celebration of the Paschal Feast; let us pray.

Lord have mercy.

With gratitude for God’s unfailing love and forgiveness, we add to these prayers.

We pray for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week...

We pray for those who have been commended to us, especially...

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our
lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

This Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, March 22, 2020

9:30 am Morning Prayer, Zoom

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Facebook live

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Facebook live

Thursday, March 26, 2020

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Facebook live

9:30 am Peekskill Soup Kitchen offering, Parish House back porch

Friday, March 27, 2020

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Facebook live

Sunday, March 29, 2020

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Zoom

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