



**Christ Episcopal Church
The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023 10:30 am**

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us this morning. Should this form of worship be unfamiliar, relax and let the assembly carry you. We follow the worship pattern of the Book of Common Prayer (red book) beginning on page 355. Hymns and songs are found in Hymnal 1982 (blue book) or printed in this program.
Kindly turn off cellphones for the duration of the liturgy.*

Cover art: Eric Gill, "Christ healing the man born blind," 1933

The organ selections today are compositions by Johannes Brahms; the prelude is his deeply moving *Fugue in A-flat minor*, the remaining organ selections are settings of chorale melodies: two settings of *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, that we sing as the Hymn at the presentation of the gifts, and a setting of *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*, which appears in the *Hymnal 1982* as "Deck thyself my soul, with gladness" (339).

Tolling bells invite us to silence and stillness.

Prelude “Fugue for the Organ in A-flat minor” Johannes Brahms
Fuge für die Orgel (As-moll)

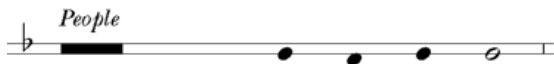
At the ringing of the bell, all rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.

Processional Hymn “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Hymnal 1982 7*

The Opening Acclamation



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.



God's mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Kyrie Eleison

Cantor or Choir *All*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir *All*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor or Choir *All*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Concluding: "...for ever and ever." **Amen.**

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

“The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”
Verse 2, low voices; Verse 4, high voices

Hymnal 1982 **663**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

All rise as able.

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Samuel Torvend

Silence and stillness

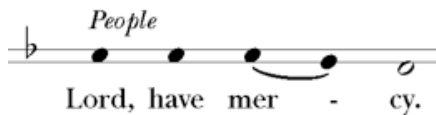
All rise as able.

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer,
page 358

The Prayers

Cantor: For ..., we pray to you, O Lord.



Cantor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People



To you, O Lord our God.

Concluding Collect

All kneel or bow as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

*The Book of Common Prayer,
page 360*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, **we confess** ...

All rise as able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace by offering the ancient Christian gesture of a bow to your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering of money is collected. With the gifts of many others, your contribution makes possible the worship, formation, and service of Christ Church.

Offertory Music “O Welt, ich muss dich lassen” Johannes Brahms

All rise as able.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts

“O Food to Pilgrims Given”

Hymnal 1982 309

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
The Book of Common Prayer,
page 361

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

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.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

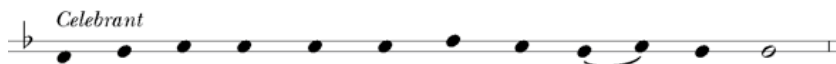
The Great Doxology

Celebrant *People*

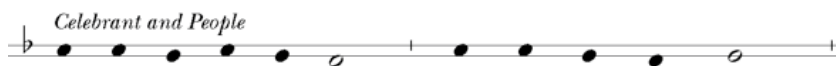


A-men.

The Lord's Prayer



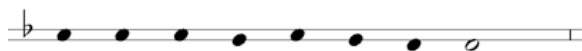
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



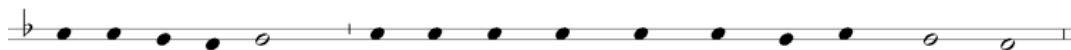
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



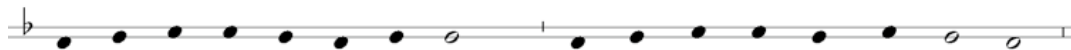
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



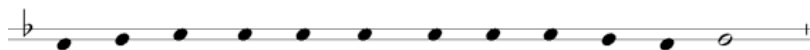
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



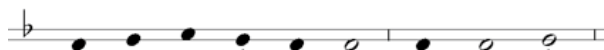
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

The musical score for 'Fraction Anthem' is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 4/4 time signature and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are: '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.' The score includes several time signature changes: from 4/4 to 5/4, then back to 4/4, and finally to 5/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

mp
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Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who desire to receive the Body and Blood Christ in the gifts of bread and wine and serve his mission in the world are welcome to communion. Follow the usher's invitation and come to the altar platform along the middle aisle of the left and right sections. When a place at the altar railing opens up, walk to that space and stand or kneel. Receive the bread in your hand and consume it; then assist the minister as they guide the cup of wine to your lips and take a sip. Please note that to protect the health of our community, **we do not practice intinction** (dipping the bread in the cup). Once you have received communion, return to your seat by the outer aisle.*

Communion Music “Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele” Johannes Brahms

Communion Anthem “There is a Balm in Gilead” Spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead,
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead,
To heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

Don't ever be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll never refuse to lend.

Communion Meditation

The only reason for Jesus to mix clay or soil with spit and smear it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind you and me that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very One who fashioned the first human out of clay, and that this clay that is our flesh receives eternal life through the sacrament of baptism. Dear Christian! You, too, should come to Siloam, that is, you, too, should come to him who was sent by the Father. Come and be baptized! Come and renew your baptismal vows! It is time. Come quickly and you, too, will be able to say: *I was blind, and now I see.*

~Ambrose of Milan, Letter LXXX “To Bellicius,” 4th century

All rise as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

You have ...

BCP 365

Blessing

Bow down before the Lord.

All kneel or bow as able.

Recessional Hymn “How Wondrous and Great”

Hymnal 1982 532

The Dismissal

Postlude

“O Welt, ich muss dich lassen”

Johannes Brahms

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Samuel Torvend; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Robert Hicker; Acolyte: Caroline Huckaby; Lector: Gordon Craig; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Ciara Aylsworth, Linda and Len Johnson; Altar Guild: Ginny Peterson, Caroline Huckaby, Mary Kay Kubovec, and Pam Vidan; Coffee Hour Host: Sue Stibbe and Jim Limerick.

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