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St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Fourth Sunday in Lent ✕ March 19, 2023

The Holy Eucharist ✕ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's.

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul! We are glad you are worshiping alongside us today. You are welcome here. All of who you are is welcome here.

If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you may wish to note a few things about our worship style. In general, we stand to sing and pray, and to hear the Gospel (the Good News) of Jesus Christ. We sit to hear other scripture and to listen to the preacher. You may notice that some people choose, at certain times, to kneel, or to make the sign of the cross on their body, or to bow. You may do any, all, or none of those things. Kneelers are located under the table in the back of the church, should you wish to use one.

CHILDREN are always welcome in the service, as is their wiggling and whispering, and their need to move and explore. There is a children's activity area in the back of the church for use as needed. Sunday School for children aged four through grade five is available between services, beginning around 10:00. There is no formal nursery, but please feel free to explore the space and how it might meet your needs.

You can find most everything you need in this bulletin. The **MUSIC** we sing is found within this bulletin or in the blue *Hymnal 1982* found either on your seat or in the rack under the seat in front of you. Hymn numbers that begin with the letter S are in the front section of the hymnal.

IF YOU ARE NEW to this community and wish to know more about it or to receive our weekly e-mail newsletters, please fill out a green card located on the table in the back of the church and either leave it on the table or hand it to the clergy or an usher. We would love to know you more fully!

Finally, a word about **COMMUNION** (Lord's Supper, Eucharist) – the bread and wine. The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. Everyone. It is a grace freely given by the one who loves us so very much. And it's for you.

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11:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

This service is streamed live on YouTube.

This morning's service uses the language of the Book of Common Prayer's Rite I, which is descended from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer. Much of the service music today is from the Communion Service in F, by Florence B. Price (1887-1953), a gifted and pioneering African American composer. It will be sung by members of Counterpoint, directed by Nathaniel Lew; we are grateful to Nat and to these singers, as well as to David Neiveem, who is playing the organ today in Mark Howe's absence.

Opening voluntary: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Word of God

All stand as the and leaders enter.

A Penitential Order

*Celebrant
People*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

His mercy endureth for ever.

The People kneel for the Decalogue. The Celebrant rehearses the Ten Commandments; at the end of each, the choir responds Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law

After the Tenth Commandment:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Deacon invites us to the confession of sin, saying,

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Stillness is kept, and then we say together,

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,

to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant offers God's pardon.

We sing the Trisagion three times:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *A short period of stillness is kept.*

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day, a prayer to bring focus to the community's worship:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

We sit to hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:

A reading from the First 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.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stillness follows.

All stand and sing a metrical setting of the Gradual Psalm 23:

Hymn 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

We hear a reading from early Christian scripture:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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."

Ephesians 5:8-14

People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stillness follows.

All stand and sing

Sequence hymn 547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

We remain standing for a reading from the life of Jesus:

Gospeller
People

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

John 9:1-41

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon *The Preacher breaks open the scripture.*

The Very Revd Greta Getlein

A short period of stillness follows the Sermon. Then we stand and say together the Nicene Creed, a statement of Christian faith dating from the fourth century:

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People follow. The people stand, sit, or kneel. To each petition, we respond,

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Words Psalm 27:14 • Music Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

At the end of the Prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

*Celebrant
People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit. *We greet one another in the Name of Jesus Christ.*

The Holy Communion

Ushers pass a plate to collect an offering for the work of the Church. Electronic giving is available on-line or through the QR code on announcements insert.

Organ music:

*Gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. The Holy Table is prepared, and we stand to sing
Offertory hymn 671 **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

Choir

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

Choir

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, and the choir responds

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer, which ends,

... all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

A-men.

Celebrant
All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
**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 Celebrant breaks the bread. After a period of stillness, the choir sings the Fraction anthem:

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

The Celebrant invites us to share in the Eucharistic feast; The table fellowship we experience together is for everyone. The bread may be received directly into your hand, one palm crossed over the other. The wine may be taken by sipping from the cup or touching the bread to the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need at the time you receive Communion.

Those who prefer not to receive the sacrament may come forward for a blessing, crossing arms, fingertips touching the shoulders.

During the Eucharistic meal we sing an ostinato many times:

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

Words Ana Hernández, adapted from a traditional Chinese mantra • *Music* Ana Hernández

After communion, we keep a period of stillness, then stand and sing

Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

We remain standing and say this prayer together:

Almighty and everliving God,
**we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.**

The Deacon says,

Let us bow before the Lord.

The Celebrant offers a solemn prayer over the People:

Look down in mercy, Lord, on thy people who bow before thee;
and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments
may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Deacon dismisses us, saying

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The People may stay and listen to the organ music that follows or may leave quietly, so as not to disturb those who stay to listen.

Closing voluntary: *I Proclaim Your Delights, O Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

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