



Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
St. John's Episcopal Church
March 19, 2023

While we sing music composed by women throughout the year, we have made a special effort to select the music of female composers during Women's History Month (March) and hope you will enjoy learning from the contextual notes provided today by our Director of Music Ministries, Marcia Klinder-Badgley.

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

p. 351 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. (Mark 1:15)

All kneel as able for

The Decalogue (The Ten Commandments)

Hear God's commandments to God's people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Still kneeling

Celebrant 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)

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

Silence

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.**

The Celebrant alone 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.**

All stand as able

Kyrie
#842, Wonder, Love & Praise

Music: Lisa Neufield Thomas

German Benedictine abbess HILDEGARD OF BINGEN (1098-1179) was known as a mystic, visionary, philosopher, medical practitioner, and composer. Hildegard wrote theological, botanical, and medical works, in addition to her composition skills producing multiple hymns and chants for worship.

Δ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Δ

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Δ

Δ optional bells

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

All are seated.

Children's Procession to Sunday School. Please join in singing: (9:30 AM)

A Tennessee native, KATHERINE TOMERSON (b. 1934) has served multiple denominations as a Director of Music in addition to faculty positions as organ professor at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music and Southern Illinois University. Her best-known hymn, "I want to walk as a child of the light," (this hymn tune name is HOUSTON) was written in 1966 while studying visiting Church of the Redeemer in Houston, TX.

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the City of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

All are seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the First Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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.**

Psalm 23 (*read in unison*)

p. 612 Book of Common Prayer

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though 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.**
- 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.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul the 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able for

Sequence Hymn , Vss. 1-3 (9:30 AM)

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Marty Haugen

1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your death we are re -
2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, lovepassed on through act and
3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum-bling though our steps may
born; though you die in all of his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry
word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and bro - ken wears the bod - y of 'ry
be; one with you in joy and sor - row, we the riv - er, you the
morn, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn. Lord, wears the bod - y of our Lord. sea, we the riv - er, you the

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

John 9:1-41

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.**

Sequence Hymn continued

Vs. 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

Lois Sauer

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (*Silence*)

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All Creation teems with life, from the depth of the earth and seas, to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your Creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic and acute illness, especially Pinky Cooke, Katharine Ferguson, Danelle Holland, Jim Polk, Julias Givens, Brian Sullivan, Alice Both, Fran Bastone, Mike Husinko, Joshua Channer, Reta Caputo, Cheryl Booker, Antiba Booker, Michael Corso, and Joanne Spinella. Give them your living water always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, we pray today for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: John Melvin, Cameron Hicks, Mary Jo DeLaere, and Paige Clay. May the year ahead be rich with the knowledge of your love for each and every one. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Silence

Celebrant We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Remember to sanitize hands frequently, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace. For a contact-free option, simply wave or bow as you share the words "The Peace of Christ be with you."

Please be seated for

Welcome & Parish Announcements

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The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Please remain seated for

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Agnus Dei

arranged by Ron Kean

Cantate

*Agnus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tolis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.
Dona nobis pacem.*

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

All stand as able for

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

All stand as able for

The Great Thanksgiving

p. 361, Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (7:45 AM spoken & 9:30 AM Sung)

Book of Common Prayer p. 371

#857, Wonder, Love & Praise

Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham

As an arranger and composer, native North Carolinian BETTY CARR PULKINGHAM (1928-2019) blended a variety of musical styles into her works. Married to clergy, (Rev. W. Graham Pulkingham), the couple served parishes throughout the United States, England, and Scotland in addition to work with the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love....

....Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption....

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

Please Note:

During Lent, we refrain from saying "Alleluia" to honor the penitential nature of the season.

Fraction Anthem (9:30AM Sung, 7:45AM Spoken)

#270, Lift Every Voice and Sing

Music: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The first African American graduate at Julliard (1948), MARJORIE LANDSMARK-DELEWIS was born in Harlem and received her early musical training from her Classically trained pianist uncle. Throughout her life, Landsmark-DeLewis has collaborated with the American Ballet Theatre and infamous choreographer Agnes de Mille and has served on the keyboard faculty of Sarah Lawrence College.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion of the People (please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of Communion) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. **If you need a gluten free wafer**, please extend your hands with palms down to signal the clergy. **If you need to be served in your seat**, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)

#144, The Hymnal 1982

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

Words: Anne K. LeCroy

Music: Harold Darke

Working as a translator on numerous hymn texts, the Reverend ANNE K. LECROY (1930-2016) was an English Professor at East Tennessee State University. Her ministry career as a Vocational Deacon included parishes in Kingsport and Johnson City, TN.

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| 1 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
shine in our hearts, we pray;
dispel the gloom that shades our minds
and be to us as day. | 4 Now nearer draws the day of days
when paradise shall bloom,
when we shall be at one with you,
Lord, risen from the tomb. |
| 2 Give guidance to our wandering ways,
forgive us, Lord, our sin;
restore us by your loving care
to peace and joy within. | 5 The universe your glory shows,
blest Father, Spirit, Son;
we shall acclaim your majesty,
eternal Three in One. |
| 3 Lord, grant that we in penitence
may offer you our praise,
and through your saving sacrifice
receive your gift of grace. | |

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (For those who will not receive Communion today, we invite you to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion at home or wherever you are.)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

All stand as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Let us pray.

Look down in mercy, O God, on your people here before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#490, The Hymnal 1982

I want to walk as a child of the light

Words: Kathleen Thomerson
Music: Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **[Refrain]**

The Dismissal (led by the children of the parish)

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Restore in us, O God

arranged by Kristina Langlois

With graduate degrees from Concordia and Northwestern Universities, KRISTINA LANGLOIS (b. 1959) has served as a Director of Music for congregations throughout the Midwest. Langlois also is active within the American Guild of Organists and continues to offer private keyboard instruction within the Twin Cities.



Lent

A Time to Renew

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