



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer Rite II

*A warm welcome to all this Sunday morning! Our worship is guided using the **red** Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Supplemental material from other sources is in this bulletin. Music is found in the **blue** Gather hymnal. Page numbers are as indicated. Feel free to ask a neighbor for help if you have questions about the service. Thank you for being here!!*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

PRELUDE: MUSICAL SELECTION

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

GATHER 481

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

BCP p. 76

CONFESSION OF SIN AND PARDON

BCP p. 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP p. 80

The People stand, as they are able.

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.

Then follows the Venite, Psalm 95.1-7, said responsively by whole verse, between the Officiant and People.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE PSALM 95.1-7

BCP p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 23

BCP P. 612

After the final verse, the Officiant and People say

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 FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Canticle, as they are able. The Canticle is said responsively by whole verse.

14 A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator*

BCP P. 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Canticle, as they are able. The Canticle is said responsively as indicated.

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

BCP p. 86

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 THIRD LESSON

JOHN 9:1-41

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

READ BY THE OFFICIANT

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon. The people stand as they are able when the Officiant stands.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP P. 96

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP P. 97

Officiant and People

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES A

BCP p. 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health upon all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 219

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP p. 99

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

BCP p. 100

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP p. 100

The people stand if able. An offering is collected during this time.



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to the bidding "Let us pray to the Lord," with "Lord, have mercy."

**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.**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

HYMNAL 493



- 1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
- 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
- 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



- 1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
- 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
- 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
- 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

- 6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

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