

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020 • Online service



St. Timothy's
Episcopal Church

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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Absolution

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.**

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us. *Repeat 3x*

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

God said to Samuel, "I know you're upset that Saul won't be king of Israel, but how long are you going to cry about it? Fill your horn with oil and hit the road. I will send you to Jesse, because one of his sons will be the next king." Samuel said, "I can't do that. If Saul hears about it, he'll kill me." God said, "Here's what you do. Take a heifer with you and say, 'I've come to sacrifice this to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice. Then I'll show you what you should do next, and which of his sons you shall anoint." That's what Samuel did. When he got to Bethlehem, the leaders of the city were scared, and asked if he'd come in peace. Samuel replied, "Yes. I've come to make a sacrifice to the Lord, and want you to join me." Jesse and his sons went with Samuel. Samuel saw Eliab, a son of Jesse. Everyone thought for sure he's come to make Eliab the next king. But God whispered to Samuel, "Nope. He looks like a king, all tall and handsome, but he's not the one. I'm looking for someone with a special heart, not someone with special looks. Keep looking." Jesse called another son to meet Samuel. But he wasn't the one either. Then another son. And another son. Seven sons in all came by Samuel to see if they'd been chosen king. Samuel finally said, "Is that the last of your sons, Jesse?" Jesse said, "Well, the youngest is out in the field keeping his sheep." Samuel said, "God told me the next king would be one of your sons. So I'm not leaving until I meet the last one." They went and called David in from the fields. He was rugged and handsome and had beautiful eyes. Then God whispered in Samuel's ear, "Anoint this one. He's the next king." So Samuel emptied his horn of oil on David's head, surrounded by his brothers. And God's spirit came upon David that day, and stayed with him. Then Samuel left and went on to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23



We will dwell in your house for - ev - er, we will dwell in your house, O Lord.

The Gospel Hymn

#671 Amazing Grace

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 9:1-41

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." The Gospel of the Lord comes the harvest? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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.

“Creation Care” Prayers of the People for Lent

Leader: Let us pray for the reign of God in the world to be revealed, now and always.

All: In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be

Leader: God, you created the earth, sea, and sky; ignite your Spirit within us that we may heal and defend the earth around us, and pour your blessings upon the people and organizations working everywhere for the good of the planet.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you are the breath of life; receive our thanks for the beauty of our island home and all its inhabitants; grant us the wisdom and will to conserve them.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you are the light and source of life; heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you are the joy of human hearts; heal our communities, especially those where your word is not heard, or where prejudice, fear, violence, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you are our rock and refuge; receive into everlasting mercy those who have died.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Leader: God, you are the comforter of the earth, sustain the people of our community who desire or need your presence and help.

All: God, giver of life, hear our prayer.

Prayers from the Candle Table are read.

Presider: Gracious God, Grant that your people will have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of the world you have given to us, for you are drawing all of your creation into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.. **Amen.**

The Peace • *all virtually greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements, birthdays and anniversaries

Offertory

God of Wonders

Holy Communion

All people, regardless of faith, tradition, or age,
are welcome to receive Communion at St. Timothy's.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail and cross
your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest at the altar rail.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

From the Anglican Church of Canada

The Lord Be with you

Also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God

It is right to him thanks and praise

Eternal God, Source of all being,

we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship with you and one another

to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of
righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have
always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord of pow'r and might,
Heav - en, Earth heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
All glo - ry to your name. All glo - ry to your name.

2. Bless - ed, bless - ed, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Bless - ed, bless - ed, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into
the promised land. When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them
you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Fraction Anthem



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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Will Watkins

Post Communion Prayer

Church of England, Common Worship (adapted)

Holy and Immortal God; in these forty days of Lent
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that, in a pilgrimage of prayer, we might learn to be your people once more.
In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart.
Through this holy sacrament, open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendor of your mercy.
Be with us in all the days of our journey until, redeemed and restored to the fullness
of life, we take our place at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

Blessing Over The People

Closing song

#488 Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal

We Pray...

Prayer is at the heart of Christian community. We use this space to bring before God and the community the needs of those we love.

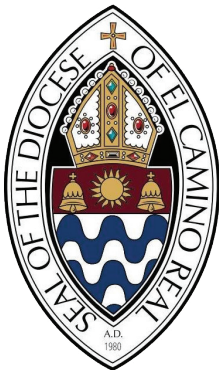
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

....for St Tim's members in need of healing
Kate Drew, Mike Drew, Althea Parks

...for family and friends of St Timothy's members

requested by

Sean and Mary	Peter Halpin
Mai (May), Kathleen Hogan	Jennifer Shumway
Gerald and Helen Walton	Susan Slakey
Leone Fisher, Dan Peterson	Julie Hansen
Mary Ann Buck/ Liv Larsen	Ken Buck
Tara, Cheryl Grimes	Allan Grimes & Cindy Jarvis
Lou Prine	Gwen Bindon
Pat Metzger and KC, Andrea Bieber	Mary Dorsey
Jennifer Hartle and Family, Frank Rooney	Tracy Gordon
John Albertini	Wanda Wong
Keith Klemba	Kandace Klemba
Angela	Jenny Shannon
Susan Stern Hutchinson	Jim Hutchinson



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