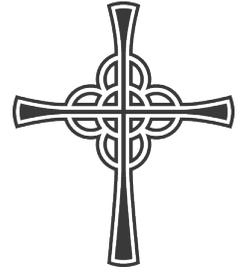

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Prière (Prayer), Op.20César Franck

When the bell sounds, please stand and join in singing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #493 - O for a thousand tongues to sing Azmon

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed,
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee
in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

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| 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. |

Setting by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The choir sings the

TRACT - Psalm 122 *Letatus sum*

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| 1 | I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.” | 5 | For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David. |
| 2 | Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem. | 6 | Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you. |
| 3 | Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself; | 7 | Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers. |
| 4 | To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD. | 8 | For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity. |
| | | 9 | Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.” |

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ John 9:1-41

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

People 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

<p>The Lord my Shepherd hold me Within His tender care And with His flock He folds me, No want shall find me there. In pastures green He feeds me, With plenty I am blest; By quiet streams He leads me And makes me safely rest. Whatever ill betides me, He will restore and bless; For His Name's sake He guides me In paths of righteousness.</p>	<p>Thy rod and staff shall guide me in death's dark vale and shade For Thou wilt then be near me: I shall not be afraid. My food Thou dost appoint me, supplied before my foes; With oil Thou dost anoint me, My cup of bliss overflows. Thy goodness, Lord, shall guide me, With mercy all my days; A home Thou wilt provide me Within Thy house always.</p>
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Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 23
 Music: Peter Warlock, Arr J. Calloway Cieslak & Journey Schaubhut

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #671 ~ Amazing grace! how sweet the sound *New Britain*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer I

Prayer Book, Page 333

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

ANTHEM

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open, we beseech Thee, our eyes to behold Thy gracious hand in all Thy works; That rejoicing in Thy whole creation, we may learn to serve Thee with gladness; for the sake of Him by whom all things were made, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Music: Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)
Text: A Collect

Please join in singing

HYMN

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and
store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Please join in saying

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #615 - "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee.....*St. Flavian*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY - Diapason Movement..... George Green

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Save the Dates

- Friday, March 20 - Lenten Dinner
- Saturday, March 28 - Day of Grace
- Sunday, April 5 - Easter Day

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THE WEEK OF MARCH 15

SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Annual Parish Meeting (Stuart Hall)

3:00 PM School for Contemplative Living

6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

7:00 PM Voices Of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

7:00 PM Symphony of New Orleans (SONO) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

4:30 PM Education for Ministry (Dean's Parlor)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:00 PM Lenten Dinner

SUNDAY

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Annual Parish Meeting (Stuart Hall)

11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)

3:00 PM School for Contemplative Living

6:00 PM Real Presence

Watch the Sunday 10:00 Eucharist webcast



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