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THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 19, 2023, 10:15 A.M.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* William B. Bradbury

OPENING HYMN *Christ is the world's true light*
#542, IN THE HYMNAL 1982 (BLUE HYMNAL)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant
Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Kneeling, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant & People

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.

TRISAGION *Holy God, Holy and Mighty (Sung 3 times)*
S102 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant & People

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.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

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.**

Psalm 23

- 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: 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 for the sequence hymn and the reading of the Gospel.)

SEQUENCE HYMN *The king of love my shepherd is*
#645, v. 1-2, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41 *Please refer to the insert.*

SEQUENCE HYMN *The king of love my shepherd is*
#645, v. 5-6, in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

HOMILY The Reverend Timothy Johnson+, Rector

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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**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**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus~S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord

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

(You may remain standing, kneel, or sit for the remainder of the prayer.)

Holy are you, and blessed...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has 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. 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.
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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Shepherd of souls*
#343 in in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
#324 in in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

SOLEMN LENTEN PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *Thou whose almighty word*
#371, (in the **Hymnal 1982** (the blue hymnal))

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* *J.S. Bach*

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