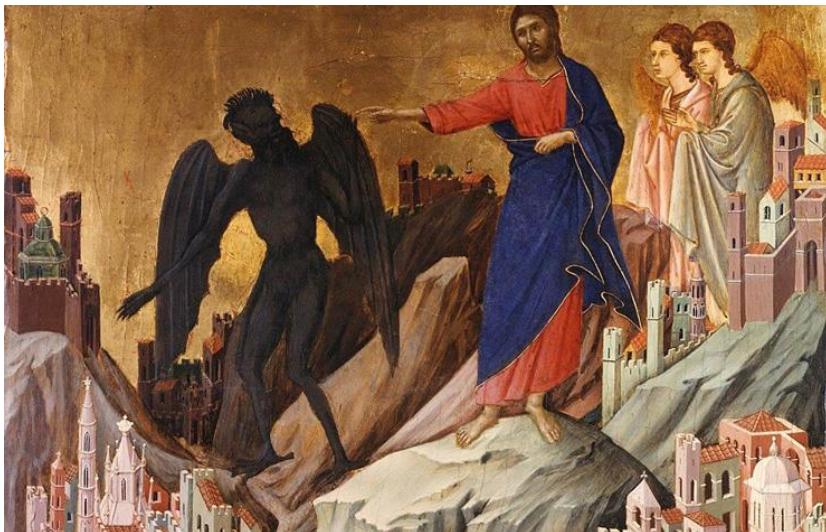




St. Francis
Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

St. Francis Sunday Schedule:

Please check the Church Calendar and Email Express for this Sunday's updated information.

Nursery: Infants to 3 years - 9:45am in the Nursery

Inspired - The Bible as Story: Adults - 9:10am in the Red Room

Children's Chapel: Children - During the 10:00am Service in the Children's Chapel

A Dangerous Dozen: Adults - 11:15am in the Red Room

EYC: Youth - 5:30pm in St. Mike's House

Jr. Choir: 3rd to 12th Graders - 4:15pm-4:45pm in the Choir Room

Youth Handbells: 3rd to 12th Graders - 4:45pm-5:30pm in the Choir Room

PRELUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, sung by choir.

PROCESSION

Kyrie

Franz Schubert Mass in Eb (1797-1828)

Kyrie eleison Lord, Have Mercy.
Christe Elesison Christ, Have Mercy.
Kyrie eleison Lord, Have Mercy.

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Please kneel.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: (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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Sung by all.

TRISAGION S100

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from the first Book of Samuel:

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.

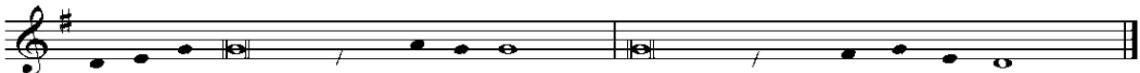
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 23

tone vii



- 1 The LORD is my / shepherd; *
I shall / not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me be/side 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 READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

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, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

Hymnal 567

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave strong to hear-ing;
3 Be thou our great de-liv-erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri-umphed o'er dis-ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re-newed and fren-zy calmed
life and death; re-store and quick-en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

 blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

 set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant and People:

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

Intercessor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Erskine M. Bradley and Gregory M. Bradley by Doris Bradley, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Intercessor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, In Thy Mercy Grant Us Peace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Martin Luther/adapted John Rutter

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generation;
Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations.
Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff shows the Celebrant singing 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff shows the People singing 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff shows the Celebrant singing 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff shows the People singing 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

Sung by all.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Please kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory...

Celebrant: ...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.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Sung by all.

AGNUS DEI

Organ

Congregation

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, grant _____ us peace. _____

THE PEACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in the other and the clergy will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the clergy will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will give you a blessing.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Benita McFarland, organ

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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, Father, 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.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: 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.

Please stand, sung by all.

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 heaven.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION:

RED ROOM

9:10 – Deacon Joe February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

11:15 – Fr. Matt February 26, March 12, 19, 26, April 2

FAITH FRIDAYS:

ONLINE

Posted each Friday on Facebook and YouTube

PALM SUNDAY:

APRIL 2ND

10:00am Blessing of Palms with Procession, Holy Eucharist, and Passion Narrative,
(nursery available)

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

APRIL 6TH

7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY:

APRIL 7TH

12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER:

APRIL 8TH

7:00pm Lighting the Great Fire with Holy Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY:

APRIL 9TH

8:00am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Holy Eucharist with Flowering of Cross, nursery available

11:30am Easter Egg Extravaganza

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