

Morning Prayer: Order of Service

March 14th – for the Fourth Sunday in
Lent

INVITORY

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8, 9)

+ Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

*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.*

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

*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.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

*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.*

*Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one
God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. Amen.*

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.”

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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;

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.”

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.”

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.”

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.

The Word of the Lord.

CANTICLE A Song of the Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; *
for he has looked favorably on his people
and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us, *
in the house of his servant David.
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy
prophets from of old, *
that we would be saved us from our
enemies and from the hand of all who hate
us.

CANTICLE A Song of the Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, *

and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor
Abraham, *
to grant us that we, being rescued from the
hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and
righteousness *
before him all our days.

CANTICLE A Song of the Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people*
by the forgiveness of their sins.

CANTICLE A Song of the Zechariah | *Luke 1:68-79*

By the tender mercy of our God *
 the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in
the shadow of death,*
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A reading from Paul's Letter 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.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

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.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

CANTICLE – A Song of the Heavenly City | *Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

I saw no temple in the city, *
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and
the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine
on it, *

for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is
the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light, *
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory
into it.

CANTICLE – A Song of the Heavenly City | *Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

Its gates will never be shut by day — *
and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honor of
the nations.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of
life, *
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of
God and of the Lamb through the middle of
the street of the city.

CANTICLE – A Song of the Heavenly City | *Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; *

and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. *

But the throne of God and the Lamb will be in it,

and his servants will worship him; *

They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads.

The Gospel according to John

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.

The Gospel according to John

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).

The Gospel according to John

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?”

The Gospel according to John

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.

The Gospel according to John

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.

The Gospel according to John

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?”

The Gospel according to John

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.

The Gospel according to John

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.”

The Gospel according to John

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 Gospel according to John

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.”

The Gospel according to John

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.”

The Gospel according to John

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?”

The Gospel according to John

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Word of the Lord.

SUNDAY COLLECT

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.*

DISCUSSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord we pray for

Clare, Joey, Dawn, Ted, Austin, Amba, Isabel, Kevin, Anne, Peter, Wendy, Roger, Robert, David, Karin, Ron, Beverlee, Len, Linda, Diana, Sharon, Kate, Alex, Joe, Anita, Sandy, Jean, Susan, Calyn, Carol, Marie, Frank, Tim, Fiona, Melanie, Brendon, Glenda, Alice, Martin, Ethan, Jennie, Barbara, Holly, Jerry, Vince, Katie, Rachel

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Scott Dix, Sena Leikvold, Stephen Miller, Peter Civetta, Stephanie Donovan, Maggie Fullilove-Nugent, Thane Halstead, Corbett Lunsford, Erika Olson, Zachary Kolman, Tyrone Fowlkes, Jordan Fry, Taylor Joosten, Karen Kawashima, & Grove Mower.

And for those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray also for those who have died, especially for Robert Griem, brother of Melanie Griem, at the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Let us pray

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 have sinned 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 more.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

+Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.