

THE TABLE CAMPUS MINISTRY WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
People *whose mercy endures for ever.*

Confession

Officiant God of the liminal places, you draw us into the quietness of the desert so that we can encounter ourselves...But we confess that all too often we stubbornly cling to false images rather than face the necessity of change.

People *Kyrie Eleison*

Officiant You call us into the emptiness of the desert so that we can confront our desires ... But we confess that all too often we continue to choose our own comfort rather than serving the needs of others.

People *Christe Eleison*

Officiant You drive us into the dangers of the desert so that we can engage with your Kingdom...But we confess that all too often we prefer the smooth roads of safety over the perilous pathways of justice.

People *Kyrie Eleison*

Officiant Forgive us, O God, wherever we have chosen to be, or do, or dare less than you have asked of us; and as we walk on in the desert with you help us watch and wrestle with these things so that we might choose differently in the future. Amen.

🎵 Opening Song

1. In the wasteland there's a river
bringing life to arid earth.
Waves of justice will deliver
gracious gifts to all who thirst.
Erode all fearful borders,
live the truth that we are one.
There is nowhere we can wander
and be far away from love.
2. On this journey we remember
there is hope in every place.
In our searching we discover
we are held in Your embrace.
As we lose ourselves we find You,
when we find You, find our soul.
Every breath becomes a blessing,
every moment we are home.
3. Blooming beauty, new creations
Grace is growing without end.
Freedom flowers like a garden
giving peace to give again.
Like a river in a wasteland
is the song that births new life,
never-failing, never ceasing
is the love that never dies.

Collect of the Day

Officiant God be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, open our eyes to your glory, and in good times and bad, display the works of God in our lives; you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People *Amen.*

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All Thanks be to God.

Response

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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader 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. 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.”

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♪ Gospel Acclamation

Open wide your heart
Open wide your mind
Open up
Open up
Make us whole
Make us whole
Let the pain go
Let the fear go
Let it all go
Make us whole
Make us whole

Gospel

John 9:1-41

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, O 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.”

Officiant The gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Quiet Reflection Time

Offertory

Even though we cannot gather in person, the mission of Christ Church goes on. Anyone joining us for worship at any time is invited to make an offering to help continue to vision and mission of this church and as a way to express gratitude for God’s generosity. While the church is closed, your weekly, monthly, or annual gift to Christ Church will: provide upkeep and maintenance of the church building and grounds, allow church staff to maintain all areas of our ministry together, and ensure that normal operations can resume whenever possible. Links to donate online are available on Facebook Live or you can visit the Christ Church homepage (<https://www.christchurchseattle.org/>) and click on the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church: 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105. Thank you for your generosity.

🎵 Gathering Song Before Prayers

To you our hearts are open
To you our desires known
From you there are no secrets all loving God
We turn to you

Prayers of the People

Officiant Let us pray for the world and for the Church.
I ask you to pray for peace among the nations, and for an end to the sins that bring death and destruction.
Pray for the world.

[Silence]

Response 🎵 Loving God hear our prayer, loving God hear our prayer.

Officiant I ask you to pray for faithful obedience for all Christians, and for an end to the sins that bring division and fear.
Pray for the church.

[Silence]

Response 🎵 Loving God hear our prayer, loving God hear our prayer.

Officiant I ask you to pray for love in our homes, schools and workplaces, and for an end to the sins that damage our relationships.
Pray for the community.

[Silence]

Response  Loving God hear our prayer, loving God hear our prayer.

Officiant I ask you to pray for healing for the sick, and protection for people who are tested by suffering and tempted by sin.
Pray for all in need.

[Silence]

Response  Loving God hear our prayer, loving God hear our prayer.

Officiant I ask you to give thanks for the saints. Remember all who have died.

[Silence]

Response  Loving God hear our prayer, loving God hear our prayer.

Officiant Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church, and we offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant As Christ teaches us, we pray:

All Nurturing God,
who lives in heaven.
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best—as above, so below.
Please provide all we need today.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Help us to do your will and protect us from all that is evil.
Everything we have and do is all for you
So we can share your love with all we meet. Amen.

Prayer Over the Assembly

Officiant Let us be humble before God.

Look down in mercy, O God, on your people who are 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.

All Amen.

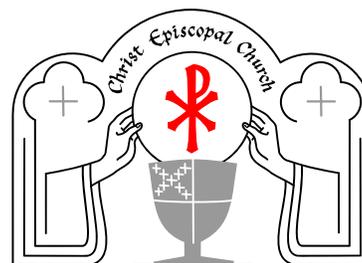
🎵 Sending Song

Remember God is always with you
Remember God's love lives within you
Remember always and forever
Remember God's love lives within you

Remember God's face smiles upon you
Remember God's light shines upon you
Remember God's arms always hold you
Remember God's love lives within you

Dismissal

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



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