

# Music, Readings & Prayers for Sunday, March 22, 2020

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn 143 *The glory of these forty days*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be - ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.  
Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

### Welcome

*Please refer to The Season of Lent booklet for the following:*

### Opening Acclamation

### The Confession

### The Absolution

### The Trisagion

### The Collect of the Day

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.**

## **The First Lesson: The First Book of 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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23, spoken**

- 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: The Letter of Paul to the 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.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* **Praise and glory to God.** *New Zealand Prayer Book*

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."

*Presider:* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Nina R. Pooley*

**Affirmation of Faith** *(Please refer to the booklet, p5.)*

**Prayers of the People** *(Please refer to the booklet for body of text, p6.)*

### For those in the Episcopal Church

In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for the congregations of St. Peter's, in Portland; and Trinity, in Portland; and for justice and peace in the world.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

### For those in need of our prayers

We pray for: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Janice; Scott; Katie; Nick; Marcella; Libby; Mike; David; Kerry; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Eric; Sue; Sam; Kathie; and Diane. *(Please add your own intercessions.)*

### For those who have died:

The Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris  
*(Please add your own intercessions.)*

## Music at the Offertory

### Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won - drous ban - quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost



reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

**The Holy Eucharist** (Please refer to booklet, p8.)

**Communion Hymn 440**  
*Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

## Recessional Hymn 645 *The King of love my shepherd is*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
\* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-ial feed-eth.  
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry William Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23  
Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

### Postlude

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## Announcements

### Celtic Spirituality Service

Join us online this evening at 7pm for a Celtic service of blessings, music, and teachings at First Parish. Log onto [www.firstparishyarmouth.org](http://www.firstparishyarmouth.org).

**For Prayer Resources and Online Prayers, go to the home page of our website, [stbartsyarmouth.org](http://stbartsyarmouth.org). Check back frequently for updates.**

The **St. Bart's Response Team** is made up of our Pastoral Care Team, along with our Vestry and Membership Committee, and a group specifically reaching out to Families. These groups will be reaching out to every member of our parish to check in and provide a contact should you be in need of assistance or pastoral care. We have a growing list of volunteers ready to help. Though we can only respond if you let us know you need some support.

### St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

**Volunteer Day: Tuesday, March 24—CANCELED!**

Questions, Contact: Anne Jacobs, [ajacobs207@gmail.com](mailto:ajacobs207@gmail.com) or Pam Hobson, [pamhobson@maine.rr.com](mailto:pamhobson@maine.rr.com).

### The Committee for Housing Choices in Yarmouth

We are inviting your book club, neighborhood, social or civic group to be part of a town-wide book read! We're exploring housing choices for Yarmouth residents that allow seniors to stay in our community, our children to raise their own families here, and town employees to call Yarmouth home as well as a place of employment. **Between NOW and April 26<sup>th</sup> read one of the following books:**

*Evicted*—Mathew Desmond

*Show Me a Hero*—Lisa Belkin

*Without a Net*—Michelle Kennedy

*Color of Law*—Richard Rothstein

*Golden Gates*—Connor Dougherty

*The Yellow House*—Sarah Broom

*The Hundred Story Home*—Kathy Izard.

During the week of April 26th there will be a series of public forums to include a film series and facilitated discussions on the importance of housing choices in Yarmouth, obstacles to housing choices and steps forward. Questions, contact Carla Hunt, [musseit@yahoo.com](mailto:musseit@yahoo.com).

*Collect For Quiet Confidence (BCP 1979)*

**O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All Desires Known*

**Spirit of comfort and longing,  
enfold my fear,**

**unclothe my pride,**

**unweave my thoughts,**

**uncomplicate my heart,**

**and give me surrender:**

**that I may tell my wounds,**

**soak in your grace,**

**and be made whole.**

**May I welcome myself,**

**You, and others this day**

**with joy and gladness.**

**Amen. (adapted, Janet Morley)**



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