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The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
Monday - Friday at 8:00 am in Chapel

A Prayer Before Worship

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome | St. David's exists to draw people into community through Word and Sacrament. We believe that the Risen Christ is uniquely present in our midst and that he is in pursuit of a relationship with each of us. We hope that you find yourself drawn into a deeper relationship with Jesus today, and that wherever you come from, you discover in St. David's a place of welcome and belonging.

If this is your first time to worship with us, please fill out a Connect Card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate. We would love to welcome you into our parish and pray for you in the coming week!

Children | We welcome children in worship at St. David's! Activity bags for kids are available on a table in the entryway. We also provide a staffed Nursery on Sunday mornings for children ages 0-3. Please see an usher for directions or more information. Children ages 4 - 4th grade are invited to take part in Children's Church at the beginning of the sermon. They return to worship with us during the Offertory. We also offer Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am. The Youth of St. David's meet biweekly after the 10:30 am service.

Communion | All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or if you do not wish to receive today, please cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the Priest will bless you. When you approach the altar, the Priest will place the Bread in the palm of your hand. To receive the Wine, please guide the chalice to your lips. Those wishing to intinct (dip) the Bread in the Wine must allow the Eucharistic Minister to do so for you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Giving | Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission. Text "GIVE" to 940-341-2551 to make a secure contribution electronically or place your contribution in the plate offering when it is passed.

Coffee Hour | Join us after church for refreshments and conversation. As you leave, go through the exit on your right and follow the sidewalk to the Parish Hall.

The Entrance Rite

Mass Setting: John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585)

Covert Art: Introit for the Fourth Sunday in Lent,
Liber Choralis S. Leonardi MCM VII

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as *Laetare Sunday*. “Laetare,” a Latin word meaning “rejoice,” is the first word of today’s Introit. The joy that comes from a reconciled relationship with God is also an underlying theme in our readings and hymnody. Today, our Lenten observance is made joyful by the inclusion of instrumental music, flowers at the altar, and rose-colored vestments.

Prelude

Hymn 343 “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

ST. AGNES

The Introit

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

REJOICE YE with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all ye that love her. Rejoice with joy for her, all ye that mourn for her. *Psalm 122* I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord. Glory be...

Celebrant Bless ✠ the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth forever.

The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity

ALmighty GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please kneel.

The Ten Commandments

The responses are sung at 10:30 am

GOD spake these words, and said:
I am the LORD thy God; who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, and in-cline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

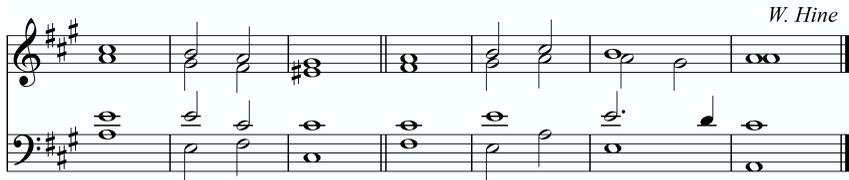
THE LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *Spoken at 8:00 am*



THE LORD / is my / shepherd; *
therefore / can I / **lack** / nothing.

He shall feed me in a / **green** / pasture, *
and lead me forth be-/side the / waters • of / comfort.

He shall con-/vert my / soul, *
and bring me forth in the paths of / righteous • ness / for his / Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will / fear no / evil; *
for thou art with me; thy / rod and • thy / **staff** / comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of / them that / trouble me; *
thou hast anointed my head with oil, / and my / cup shall • be / full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my / life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the / **LORD** / **for** / ever.

The Epistle

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.”

Hymn 567 “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”
Stanza 3 after Gospel

ST. MATTHEW

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



AS JESUS WALKED ALONG, he 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Craig Reed

The Nicene Creed

Standing, all say together

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection ✠ of the dead: and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

8:00 am: *The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church* (BCP, p. 328).

10:30 am: *Each intercession ends with*

Leader ... let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Conclusion ... and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant says a concluding Collect

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

YE WHO DO TRULY and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says the absolution

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✝ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say the Comfortable Words

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matt. 21:28.* So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Sarah McDonald (b. 1968)

Missa brevis Sancta Cecilia

KYRIE eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presentation of the Gifts

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Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Great Thanksgiving

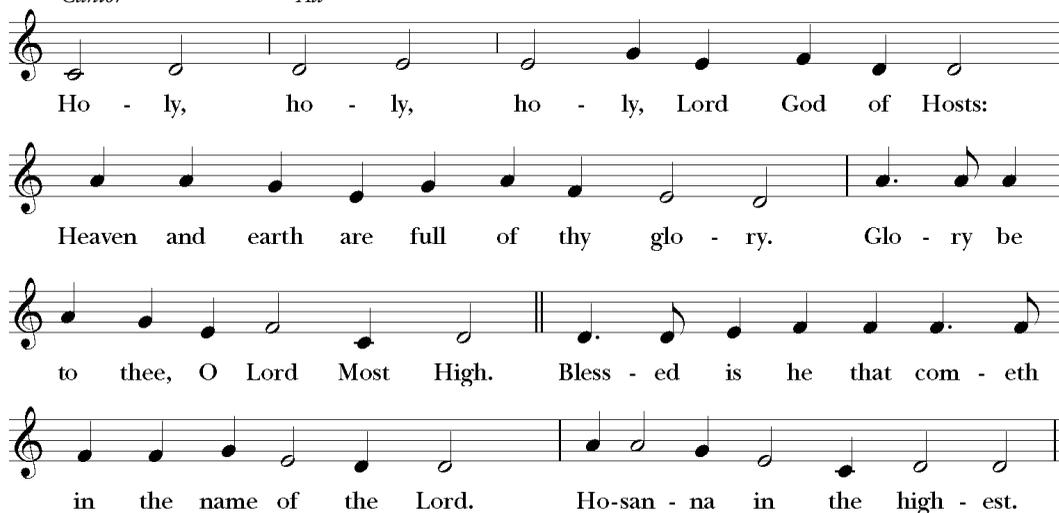
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface, which concludes

... we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus & Benedictus are sung at 10:30 am

Cantor *All*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (BCP, p. 334), which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer is sung at 10:30 am (The Hymnal, S-119)

O UR 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.

Note: *"Alleluia" is omitted throughout the Lenten Season.*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei is sung at 10:30 am

Cantor *All*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access is said by all intending to receive the Communion.

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant Behold ✠ the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion instructions may be found in the introduction page of this bulletin.

Concluding Rites

After Communion, the Celebrant says

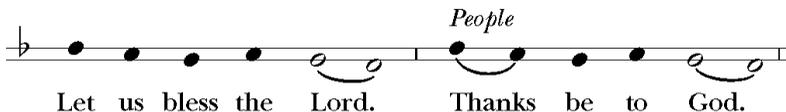
Let us pray.

Kneeling, all say together

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant imparts the blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.



Hymn 493 “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

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Postlude

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