

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 am

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively.

PRELUDE: Fantasy on St. Columba Kenneth Leighton

ANTHEM Orlando Gibbons

O God of truth, O Lord of might, you order time and change aright,
You send the early morning ray, and light the glow of perfect day:
Quench now on earth the flames of strife;
From passion's heat preserve our life;
And while you keep our body whole, pour healing peace upon our soul.

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel or sit. Silence may be kept.

All: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

This worship service is being live streamed at [Church of the Incarnation Live Stream](#)

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

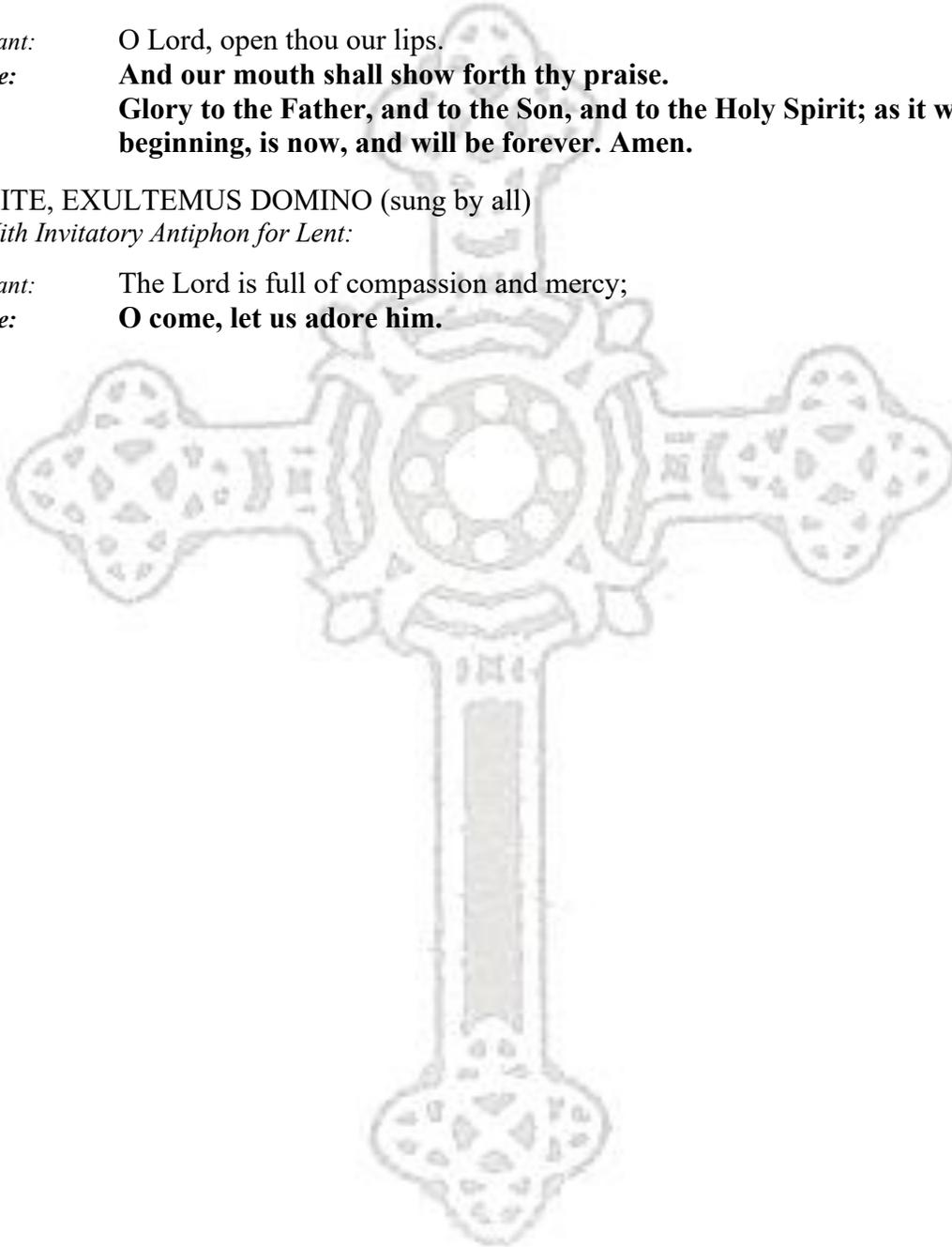
All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (sung by all)

With Invitatory Antiphon for Lent:

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;

People: **O come, let us adore him.**



1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world and the peo-ples with his truth. *(Gloria Patri may be added)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

PSALM 23 (said responsively by whole verse)

- 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.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14 *All sit.*

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.”

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE (sung by the choir)

Thomas Morley

SECOND LESSON: John 9:1-41

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.”

HYMN 645 *All stand.*

St. Columba



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-lestial 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 Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

APOSTLES' CREED *All stand.*

Prayer Book, p. 53

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God
 the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

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.**

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Cantor: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
Cantor: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Cantor: Let thy way be known upon earth;
People: **Thy saving health among all nations.**
Cantor: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Cantor: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECTS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies;**
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we may show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE GRACE

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And with thy spirit.**

ANTHEM: My Light, my Life, my Way William D. Thompson

Thou art my life; if thou but turn away
My life's a thousand deaths. Thou art my way;
Without thee, Lord, I travel not, but stray.

My light thou art; without thy glorious sight
My eyes are darkened with perpetual night.
My God, thou art my Way, my Life, my Light.

Thou art my way; I wander if thou fly;
Thou art my Light; if hid, how blind am I!
Thou art my life; if thou withdraw, I die.

Disclose thy sunbeams, close thy wings and stay;
See, see how I am blind, and dead, and stray.
O thou that art my Light, my Life, my Way.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: A mighty fortress is our God Helmut Walcha

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Interim Priest in Charge*

The Rev. Richard S.J. Pike, *Interim Associate*

David Ralph, *Interim Director of Music*

Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*

Jacquelyn Carson, *Head Usher*

Enrico Shillingford, *Sacristan*

The Lay Reader and Prayer Leader is Christopher Strome.

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.

