



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023
at 9:00 a.m.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

108 West Broad Ave + Berlin, NJ 08009

Where Love Abounds and Hope is Found!

Our Vision: *To be a faithful and growing Church that connects people to Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To know Christ more fully,
To love and serve Him more faithfully,
To make Him better known to others.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn (Black #103) “*Steal Away to Jesus*”

Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie S90 (sung together, all standing as you are able)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*read responsively by 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.

Second Lesson (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gail Cecchini

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

Celtic Mass
Christopher Walker



Praise and hon-or, hon-or and glo-ry, glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

Celebrant ✕ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

People **Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Fr. Tinh Huynh

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able: all say together)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Margaret McCafferty

The Celebrant says:

Healed of his blindness, the man born blind proclaims, "Lord, I believe!" With that faith in Christ the light of the world, we come to the Father in prayer saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Lay person & people read responsively:

That Christ the true light of the world may ever shine through the unity and charity of His Church, as we pray for, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Sally, our Bishop-elect; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; and Bartholomew, the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ the true light of the world may cast out all discord and the worship of power from the minds of the leaders of the nations, we pray from our leaders, Joe, our President; Phil, our Governor; Rick, our Mayor; and the members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ the true light of the world may kindle hope in the hearts of those who know that death is near.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That Christ the true light of the world may renew our faith as we commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and self-denial.

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may offer up our prayers and intercessions for all those on our church prayer list unto God's Mercy Seat:

- For all Missionaries throughout the world.
 - For the persecuted Church throughout the world.
 - For our troops throughout the world.
 - For our absent brothers and sisters.
 - For all pregnant women and their unborn children.
 - For the victims of crime in our communities.
 - For the victims of natural and environmental disasters, *especially the people of California.*
 - For *the Buscers, Ace Castaneda, Shanique Smith, Zyon, Jason, Jose Lopez, and Jocelyn Felix Lopex.*
- Silence -

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Christ the true light of the world may raise the dead to eternal glory, *especially [N].*

Silence

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let's pray together for the Good Shepherd Church Family:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for the Church family of Good Shepherd. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Father, your Son continues to reveal to us His saving truth. As we offer these prayers for the sake of others, deepen our own response to His most glorious revelation. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Blessing of the Sunday School Children and Teacher

General Prayer for Comfort and Healing (*please come forward to the altar rail if you are interested*).

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule of Services

- April 2, **Palm Sunday**, 9 a.m. service
- April 6, **Maundy Thursday**, 7 p.m. service
- April 7, **Good Friday**, noonday service

- April 9, **Easter Sunday**, 9 a.m. service
- ✚ **Easter Memorial Flower List** is due **April 2, 2023**.
- ✚ **Easter Egg Hunt** – eggs are available if you wish to take some to fill with candy, money, etc. Filled eggs should be returned by Good Friday, April 7.
- ✚ **ECS NJ Bishop Stoke's Farewell Gala, Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 5 p.m.** Double Tree by Hilton in Cherry Hill. Ticket price is \$125 per person. If we get a table of 10, it's \$100 per person. There's a sign-up sheet in the back where you can note your interest.
- ✚ **Visit and Worship at the Washington National Cathedral on Sunday, July 23, 2023.** The consideration is that the Church will sponsor part of the trip (likely the transportation), and we each will cover our own lunch expense. There's a sign-up sheet in the back to gauge your interest.
- ✚ **Fundraisers:**
 - **Christmas Shopping Raffle** tickets are available at \$5 each. 1st Prize - \$1,000 worth of store gift cards; 2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card; 3rd Prize - \$250 Visa Gift Card. Proceeds to benefit the church. Please see Darlene or Lillian for tickets.
 - **Wawa Hoagie Coupons** are available at \$5 each. Please see Lillian if you are interested.

Offertory Hymn (White #135)

“Amazing Grace”

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."✠

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."✠

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him.

Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; Joseph her spouse, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your Saints, into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

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.

Breaking of The Bread

[Fraction Anthem]

Lamb of God
(Songs For Worship No. 1)

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of all the

world. Have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You

take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us, grant us Your peace.

Grant us, grant us Your peace. peace.

Celebrant:

✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Communion Hymn (Black #120)

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lenten Blessing

Celebrant blesses the congregation.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn (White #32) “*The King of Glory*”

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. Please fill out the visitor’s card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and having you worship with us again soon.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

The Reverend Father Tinh Huynh
Celebrant and Homilist

Andrew Listman
Gail Cecchini
Eucharistic Ministers

Louis Durham
Music Minister

Gail Cecchini
Kaydiann Sangster
Margaret McCafferty
Lay Readers

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Prayer List (please let us know when your loved one should be removed).

Military Service:

Aiden Borden	Nicholas DeMaria
Andrew Miller	Nickolette McCafferty
Charles Devoll	Reed Mikkelson
Dalton Anders	Ruben Costelano-Gomez
Dave Niglio	Ted Chavis
Felix Perez	
Jacob Listman	
Jamie Berry	
Jimmy Sheridan	
John Kirkbride	
Jonathan DeMaria	
Joseph Hodges	
Keith Taylor	

Expectant Mothers and their Babies

Lauren Raynore
Colleen Roback (July)
Elisabeth Busick (August)

Comfort & Healing

Barbara MacLeod	Mary Corson
Carlos Guemes	Mary McGrath
Christina Camuccio	Meredith Del Rosi
Connie Buch	Meredith Flinn
Dave McMichael	Mrs. Moe
Debbie	Norman Rogers, Sr.
Donna Vandy	Paul Williams
Edna Krug	Paulette Bahn
Floss Egizi	Regina Listman
Irene Livacz	Richard Mealey
Jasmin Mulero	Ricky Beam
Jim Krug	Sheila Williams
Lee Anna Smoler	Theresa Ennis
Linda Swinney	Victor Kayati
Lisa Gallagher	William Luebberman
Lori Gantz	Zella Dixon
Mackenzie Wister	
Marian Ive	