

March 19, 2023

Lent 4
Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using ACNA 1552 Order & BCP 2019.

The congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** print.

Please join us in saying the responses.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Please give a warm welcome to Rev. Scott Gorbold!

Rev. Scott Gorbold is a non-parochial priest in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes. He works in hospice as a Director of Volunteers. Scott lives on the east side of Cleveland with his wife Katie, son Winter, and two dogs Oatmeal and Lolli. They have made Christ Church West Shore their home church for the last 9 months. They moved to Cleveland last year for Katie to pursue her career as a Nurse Midwife. Prior to moving, Scott was the assistant priest at a church plant in Columbus, OH. Scott is originally from Illinois. He has been a follower of Jesus since a young age and has been involved in various ministries throughout his life. He received his M.Div from Trinity School for Ministry outside of Pittsburgh in 2014.

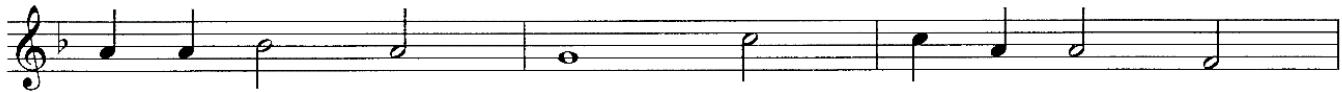
Processional Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 493



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin. He
5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your
6. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be



great Re - deem - er's praise; The glo - ries of my
 - sist me to pro - claim; To spread thru all the
 bids our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and



God and King; The tri - umphs of His grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean— His blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
 saints a - bove— The Church in earth and heav'n.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. & arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, *to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden; 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.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31 ESV

Kyrie Eleison, vv. 1 & 4

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Refrain
Bm Em/G D/A Em/A D Em/G D/A Em/A D Em/G D/A

Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. Ky-rie E - lei - son, have

Fine
Em/A D Em/G D/A Em/A D G A

mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have mer - cy. {

1. As we come be - fore You with the
2. When the cries of vic-tims go un -
3. If we love our God with all our
4. Lord, re - new our vis - ion to be

Bm G A Bm G A

needs of our world we con-fess our fail - ures and our sin, for our words are ma - ny yet our
 heard in the land, and the scars of war re-fuse to heal, Will we stand for jus - tice to em-
 heart, mind and strength, and we love our neigh-bors as our-selves, then this law of love will heal the
 Christ where we live, to reach out in mer - cy to the lost; For each cup of kind-ness to the

Bm G A Bm

deeds have been few; Fan the fire of com-pass-ion once a - gain.
 pow - er the weak till their bonds of op-press-ion are no more? } Ky - rie E -
 na - tions of earth and the glo - ry of Christ will be re-vealed.
 least in our midst is an off - 'ring of wor-ship to the throne.

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

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 Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1 – 13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 (*Lector prays verses; congregation joins in refrain.*)

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23 (*Lector prays verses; congregation joins in refrain.*)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore, I can lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in green pastures and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

3. He shall refresh my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

5. You shall prepare a table before me, in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

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.

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd, who brought again your son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:1 – 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Word, v. 2

Grant and Smith

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 2

I will not forget your love for me and yet,
my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side,
I will love you to the end.

Refrain

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 9:1 – 41

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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

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.

The Sermon

Rev. Scott Gorbold

Journey to the Cross 2023: “The Blind Man”

The Prayers of the People

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For candidates for baptism, confirmation, and reception, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face,

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died in Christ.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Almighty God, ***Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker, and judge of us all: we acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.***

Hear the words of assurance and encouragement our Savior Christ speaks to all who truly turn to him:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. *1 Timothy 1:15 ESV*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthday:

Marie Tench 3/25

Question for Week 12

The New City Catechism

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

(James 2:8)

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

Offertory

Please stand.

Doxology

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390, v. 4

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We rejoice in him as is right and required.

Scripture teaches us always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the saints in heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

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.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All praise and glory belong to you, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant that we, receiving this bread and wine according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." ***Amen.***

Communion Music (*Please feel free to join in.*)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need, who up-
Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread; still the
As we wdr-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light in its

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on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your
cap-tives and long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead: As you,
height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight. Mak-ing

9
ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone but heart; con-se-
Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your
known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring

13
crat-ing, to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
Spir-it, send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Song of Celebration
Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Papa & Boswell

Verse 1

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm,
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow,
When my sinking hopes are few.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

Verse 2

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on,
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then goes the Anchor,
Though I justly stand accused.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.
No, it shall never be removed.

Verse 3

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief.
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul,
Now Lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

Verse 4

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death.
When these trials give way to glory,
As we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon,
Clouds behind, and life secure.
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure.

Bridge

Christ the sure of our salvation,
Ever faithful, ever true,
We will hold fast to the Anchor.
It shall never be removed.

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Let us pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness to mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory to you, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

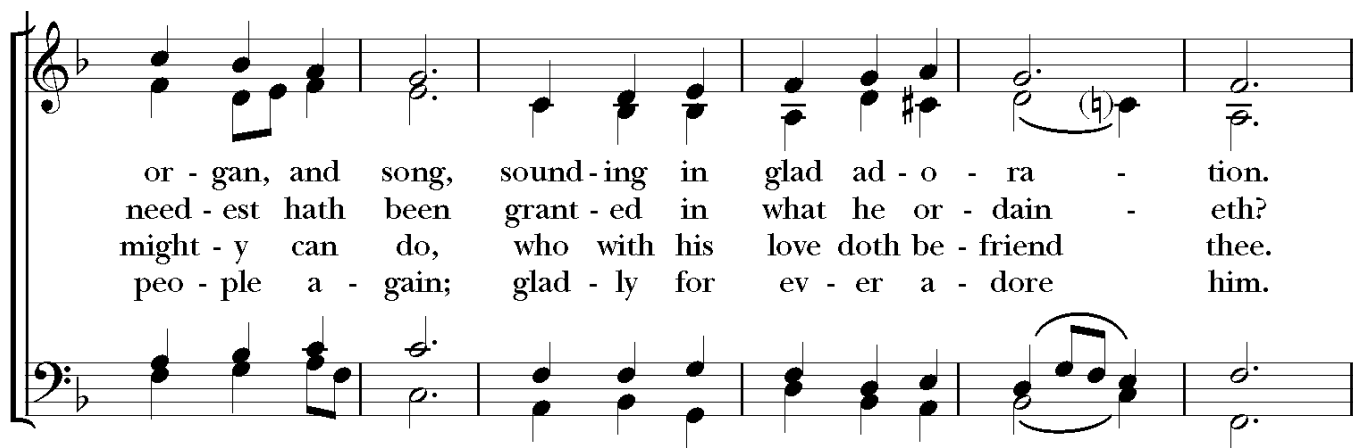
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



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Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have You Done All Your Easter Shopping? – If not, CCW is having a craft sale by Amy & Evy Jackson, June Love, and Carroll Middlemiss next **Sunday, March 26th** in our Fellowship Hall after the 9:00 am & 10:30 am services. Amy will be selling hand knitted/crocheted clothing for children, and Evie will be selling her delicious baked goods! Carroll will be selling Easter basket liners, covers & bows, potholder towels, & Easter trees. June will be selling her lovely hand-crafted jewelry, hand-painted glass, Easter eggs, and much more! You won't want to miss this chance to shop! See you there!

Easter Flowers – We are now taking requests for Easter flowers which may be given in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering in honor of a person or event. The suggested offering is \$10. **Our deadline is Sunday, April 2nd**. Request forms are in the narthex.

Community Resource Services (CRS) Easter Drive – We are launching a money drive to purchase \$25 Giant Eagle restricted gift cards for CRS to distribute to their recipients. **The deadline for donations is Friday, March 31st**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and consideration.

Volunteer for the Easter Choir – Calling all singers! If you are interested in joining the multigenerational choir to sing at the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday, please stay after the 10:30 am on March 19th, 26th, and April 2nd service to rehearse with Lisa. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Kurak at 440.552.8335.

Gifts for the Homebound – We are currently accepting donations (monetary or goods) for the Easter gift bags for our Senior Saints. The bags will be ready on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**, and we would appreciate your help getting them delivered to our church family! Please contact Jane Godfray (440-476-8152) or Peggy Joyce (216-225-8180) with any questions. Thank you!

Men's Night Out – Please join Gene at Big M Pizza (153 Lear Road, Avon Lake) on **Monday, April 3rd** starting at **7:00 pm** for a night of fellowship, discussion, and fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you plan on attending, please add your name. Also, make sure to invite a friend or two! Call Gene at 440-242-5536 with any questions or concerns.

True North Cultural Arts Upcoming Spring Concert – You are invited to attend a Palm Sunday Concert on April 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. from True North Chorale and Chamber Orchestra at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, 32340 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé

Needs & Blessings

Interpreter's Bible Commentaries – Bob Andrew has donated a few volumes of the Interpreter's Bible Commentary. The books can be found on a table against the wall in the narthex. They are free for the taking! Help yourself!

2023 Women's Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 1st from noon to 2:30 pm
Antica Italian, 35568 Detroit Rd., Avon

The cost per person is \$40.

Guest Speaker: Allison Jackson
“What if God Does Not Heal.”

Menu includes:

Appetizer: Bruschetta

House Salad

Lunch Options: (Choice of one)

Shrimp Papperdelle

(with cherry tomatoes, lemon-prosecco sauce, capers)

Salmon Piccata

Chicken Piccata

Spaghetti Pomodoro

Dessert

Chef's Choice

All non-alcoholic beverages

Cash Bar for House Wine (at reduced rate)

Payment must be received prior to the luncheon.

You can either register on Realm or there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please **make sure to include your food choices (entrée)** to complete the registration. **Deadline for registration is Monday, March 27th!** You can either pay online or by check. Please make your check out to CCW and reference women's luncheon on the memo line. Make sure to bring a friend or two! Scholarships available upon request! Contact Iris with any questions.



CCW Holy Week Service Schedule

Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am Communion Services

Wednesday, April 5th

10:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, April 6th – Maundy Thursday

7:15 pm* Communion Service

(*Foot washing at 7:00 pm)

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday

12:00 Noon & 5:30 pm

(2:00-5:00 pm, Private confession with Gene*)

***30-minute increments, by appointment only**

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Saturday, April 8th

10:00 am Holy Saturday Service

Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am Communion Services

*Childcare provided at 10:30 am



Sermon Text: John 9:1 – 41

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world I am the light of the world.”

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” he told him “Wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

¹⁰“How then were your eyes opened?” they asked. ¹¹He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So, I went and washed, and then I could see.” ¹²“Where is this man?” they asked him. “I don’t know,” he said.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So, they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. ¹⁹“Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

²⁰“We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. ²¹But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth”, they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

²⁵He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

²⁶Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

²⁷He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

²⁸Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

³⁰The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³²Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

³⁴To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

⁴¹Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.



2023 Financials

Through Sunday	03/12/2023
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Budget	\$36,083
Current Month Actual	\$17,064
YTD Budget	\$130,143
YTD Actual	\$110,396
Annual 2023 Budget	\$520,593

Attendance for 3/12/2023

9:00 am — 23

10:30 am — 85

Wednesday — 10

Online — N/A

