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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Communion in the Absence of a Priest

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Welcome

Iris Schlabach

Prelude

Kelly Middleton

The people stand

Let us pray

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

Processional

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word: Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 forever. *Amen*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

The people sit

The Old Testament Reading

| Samuel 16:1-13

A Reading from | 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.”

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The people stand

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“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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The people sit

Proclamation

Deacon Diane Kruger

We Pray for the World and the Church

Kneeling or standing as able.

The prayers may be led either by the Minister of the Word, a lector or other appointed petitioner:

Samuel the Prophet learned to see with new eyes as he was led to choose from among the sons of Jesse. Remind us, O God, that you do not see as mortals see, nor are you concerned with outward appearance, but gaze upon the human heart:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Quicken insight in our national leadership, praying for our President, for our Congress and for the members of the Supreme Court; that they might govern wisely, looking beyond form to substance, receptive to grace and guidance:

God makes me lie down in green pastures and leads beside still waters.

Help us as individuals and as families: in our parish, our diocese and province, to be imitators of God as beloved children, that we may live in light, and find the joy of Christ shining bright upon us:

God revives my soul and guides me along right pathways.

Tend our sick, Lord Christ, interceding especially for those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*). Make our ill your witnesses in adversity, sustaining them amidst the insupportable, granting your tender care and ministrations:

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Anoint us with the spittle of healing, and wash our eyes in the pool of Siloam, so we may learn that Jesus is our Christ, and believe, and worship:

You have spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me

Help us to know ourselves blind, for when we are certain that ‘we see’ our sin remains. Lead us in paths of humility, and make us mindful of our limitations, that your goodness might manifest, yielding vision by the light of your grace:

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Pray for St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Emporia, The Reverend Marc McDonald and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, for our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, for all bishops and ministers, and for all the holy people of God.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Marc McDonald, Rector of St Andrews Episcopal Church, Emporia Kansas.

We give thanks for the faithful gathered at Trinity and Priscilla’s Pet Pantry, The Family Life Center Safe House, and all outreach minister of this church.

The Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We Exchange the Peace

Minister of the Word:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

Offertory Sentences

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Instrumental Music

Kelly Middleton

All things come from Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given thee.

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 of 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

The Prayer of Humble Access *The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and People*

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold 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 property 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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: 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 Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen*

Hymn “Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness” Pg. 339

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen

Recessional “God of Mercy, God of Grace” Pg. 538

Grace and Dismissal

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Kelly Middleton

Ministers This Service

The Rev. Diane Kruger, *Minister of the Reserved Sacrament*

Carol Turner, *Minister of the Word*

Iris Schlabach, *Lector*

Darlene Andrews, *Usher*

Annette Gurney, *Counter*

Kelly Middleton, *Organist*

Micah Miller, *Videographer*

Darlene Andrews & Glenda Giro, *Hospitality*

Cindy Badwey, Becky White, Carol Turner, *Altar Guild*