

March 22, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

10 a.m.

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Prelude: *Schmücke dich* BWV 654

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn #493: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

The Supplication

Book of Common Prayer, p. 154

For use ... especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise, help us;

And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have
declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their
days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us;

and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us;

and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

R. Graciously behold our afflictions.

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord
Christ.

The Officiant concludes Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon
our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us

all those evils that challenge and afflict us; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

BCP, p. 351

Confession & Absolution

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.** *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent *Prayed together:*

*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 Word of God

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord.

People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Prayed responsively.*

¹The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

**²He 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.**

The Epistle:

Ephesians 5:8–14

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord.

People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn LEVAS#106: Take my hand, Precious Lord *Maitland (Allen)*

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me on.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel According to John 9:1–41

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Harrison West†

Nicene Creed

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: Form I BCP, p.383
Response: Lord, have mercy.

The Peace
Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory
Offertory voluntary: Prelude on St. Columba op. 101.6 C. V. Stanford
The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)
Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus: 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 Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread – *Agnus Dei:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Hear our prayer.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Hear our prayer.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Communion voluntary: Pie Jesu (Organbook II)

N. Rorem

Postcommunion Prayer:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer over the People

Recessional Hymn #538: God of mercy, God of grace

Lucerna Laudoniae

**God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill thy Church with light divine;
and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their savior King;
Let all be, below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Rejoice greatly op. 59.1

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