

LENT 4

Sunday Worship

at Christ Church

Opening Song *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep (we sing)

Come Lord Jesus come

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Holy Spirit come

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As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep we sing

Opening Sentences

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

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

The First Lesson *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare 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?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated 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 before him." 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 sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And 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." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter *Psalms 23 (in unison)*

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 Second Lesson *John 9:1-13, 28-41*

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So 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. And 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, "Why, this is an amazing 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 if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon The Rev. Ted Duvall, *Rector*

Sequence Song *Be Unto Your Name*

We are a moment You are forever

Lord of the ages God before time

We are a vapor You are eternal

Love everlasting reigning on high

Refrain

*Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your Name
Be unto Your Name*

*We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name (Refrain)
Be unto Your Name*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as 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 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 Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and people pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints that have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

I ask your prayers for our local and global outreach ministries. We give thanks for our local ministry partner, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, as they minister to our neighbors who deal with the basic necessity of putting food on their tables. Thank you Lord for our Christ Church members who faithfully prepare and package meals for the Meals on Wheels weekend ministry and for those who deliver meals to recipients' homes. Lord, we ask that this program continue to flourish and that You continue to stir up within all of us here at Christ Church the passion to embody the gospel and serve others, all for Your glory.

O mighty and most merciful God, in this time of the coronavirus pandemic and all other perils of our world, we flee to you for strength and protection. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give skill and success to all those who minister to the sick, by prospering the means made use of for their care and cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** - 1928 Book of Common Prayer, adapted

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Song *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

The Blessing

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

Howard Althen
Phyllis & Gerry Althen
John Auld
Jan Aydlette
Bernie & Linda Baker
Pat Barrie
Scott Barrie
Joshua Bellacicco
Anne Belser
John Bond
Bill Cantrell
Scott Coker
Frank Collins
Belle Croft
Elvis Family
Fisher Family
Kim Flint
Forte Family
Ann & Andrew Furmanchik
Chris Goodson
Richard Gray
Hansen Family
Jami Hemmenway
Doug & Ginny Henderson
Penny & Kelly Jenkins
Libby Lewis
Bill & Louise Miller
Pat & Wayne Outlaw
Bruce Padgett
Patterson Family
Louise Perry
Gary & Ellen Pruitt
Joe Quick
Debbie Sweeney
Gary White
Patricia White & Family
Nancy Willms

Expectant Mothers

Anne Marion
Amanda Sito

Homebound

Frances Cheatham
Pat McCullough
Sarah Miller
Becky Tuten
Grace Young

Deployed Military

Brian Boyer
Michael Dean
Mary Emily Slott

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military; and for Bishop Qampicha and the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya, especially our Tree Church Partners in Game, Elebor, Maikona, Goro Rukesa, and Badasa; and for our Haitian partners in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Are you or a family member in need of prayer? Please contact the Church Office at 843.884.9090 or email khunter@christch.org to be added to the Prayer List for 60 days.