

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent: A Commemoration of St. Patrick



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Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 AM

## Grace Episcopal Church

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## Welcome! We are so glad you are here

### **Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:**

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with our trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

**Please join in the singing!** Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **“S”** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you. When you sing, please wear a mask.

**We are a self-supporting congregation**, so when we pass the plate in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

**At the communion, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet.** The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

**When coming to the rail for communion**, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

**Our priest, Debbie, is available** after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

**If this is your first time here, we ask that you let us know and sign the book at the entrance of the church.**

If you want more information, our website is [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org). Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

**We hope you find the service meaningful** and the embrace of our community inviting.

*Thank you for praying with us today.*

## The Opening Rite

**Opening Voluntary** Music from the Celtic Tradition Larry Young

**Hymn at the Procession** *The Hymnal 1982, #580*  
God, who stretched the spangled heavens *Holy Manna*

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins

**Collect for Purity** *The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

**Song of Praise** *The Hymnal 1982, #428*  
O all ye works of God *Irish*

### The 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 Word of the Lord

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

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

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.

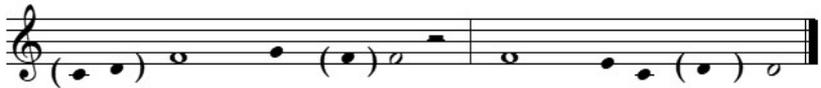
When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *Sung antiphonally. At mid-verse (\*) we observe the breath, exhale and inhale for a 2 beat pause.* *Plainsong Mode 2.1*



*Cantor* 1 The LORD is my / shepherd; \*  
I shall not \ be in want.

*Decani* 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures \*  
and leads me be-\ side still waters.

*Cantoris* 3 He revives my / soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for \ his Name's sake.

*Decani* 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.

*Cantoris* 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who / trouble me; \*

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you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is \ running over.

*ALL:* 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**

**Lou Ann Faria**

**Sequence Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #439*

What wondrous love is this?

*Wondrous Love*

**The Gospel**

**John 9:1-41**

*Gospeller*      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

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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."

*Gospeller*  
*People*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Deborah Phillips**

**The Nicene Creed**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

**The Lorica of St. Patrick**

*Leader:* I bind to myself today

*People* The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity  
I believe the Trinity in the Unity  
The Creator of the Universe.

*Leader* I bind to myself today

*People* The virtue of the Incarnation of Christ with His Baptism,  
The virtue of His crucifixion with His burial,  
The virtue of His Resurrection with His Ascension,  
The virtue of His coming on the Judgment Day.

*Leader* I bind to myself today

*People* The virtue of the love of seraphim, the obedience of Angels,  
In the hope of resurrection unto reward,  
In prayers of Patriarchs, in predictions of Prophets,  
In preaching of Apostles, in faith of Confessors,  
In purity of holy Virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

*Leader* I bind to myself today

*People* The power of Heaven, The light of the sun,  
The brightness of the moon, The splendour of fire,  
The flashing of lightning, The swiftness of wind,  
The depth of sea, The stability of earth,  
The compactness of rocks.

*Leader* I bind to myself today

*People* God's Power to guide me, God's Might to uphold me,  
God's Wisdom to teach me, God's Eye to watch over me,  
God's Ear to hear me, God's Word to give me speech,  
God's Hand to guide me, God's Way to lie before me,  
God's Shield to shelter me, God's Host to secure me,  
Against the snares of demons,  
Against the seductions of vices,  
Against the lusts of nature,  
Against everyone who meditates injury to me,  
Whether far or near, Whether few or with many.

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*Leader* I invoke today all these virtues  
*People* Against every hostile merciless power  
Which may assail my body and my soul,  
Against the incantations of false prophets,  
Against the false laws of heresy,  
Against the deceits of idolatry,  
Against every knowledge that binds the soul of man.

*Leader* Christ, protect me today.  
*People* Against every poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against death-wound,  
That I may receive abundant reward.

*Leader* Christ with me, *People* Christ before me,  
*Leader* Christ behind me, *People* Christ within me,  
*Leader* Christ beneath me, *People* Christ above me,*Leader*  
Christ at my right, *People* Christ at  
my left,  
*Leader* Christ in the fort, *People* Christ in the chariot seat,  
*Leader* Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
*People* Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,  
*Leader* Christ in every eye that sees me,  
*People* Christ in every ear that hears me.

*Leader* I bind to myself today  
*People* The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,  
I believe the Trinity in the Unity  
The Creator of the Universe.

## Intercessory Prayers and Thanksgivings

### The Peace

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

Mark Schweizer

*Creator of beauty and giver of light, Who set the stars shining in dark sacred night;  
We offer our music with hearts full of praise, With joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.  
In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing, And high mountains echo, each prayer to  
our King; May this song, a gift forever be found, Now offered with grace, and eternity  
bound. The journey of each soul remains in your care, Your guidance and faithfulness,*

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*always you share; Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send, Returned to your glory, a world without end.*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

*The Hymnal 1982, #469*

There's a wideness in God's mercy

*St. Helena*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*BCP, page 361*

**Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy)**

*Folk Mass, Malcolm Archer*

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Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. 3

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

**The Fraction**

**The Invitation**

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

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*All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.*

**Music at Communion**

Larry Young

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*page 365*

**Postcommunion Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #488*

Be thou my vision

*Slane*

**The Blessing**

To God the Creator, who loved us first and gave this world to be our home, to God the Redeemer, who loves us and by dying and rising pioneered the way of freedom, to God the Sanctifier, who spreads the divine love in our hearts, be praise and glory for time and for eternity. Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Closing Voluntary** Music from the Celtic Tradition

Larry Young

— **Worship Leaders** —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

*Presider and Preacher*

The Reverend Ann Perrott

*Assisting*

Mark Nelson

*Organist*

Joanne Moar

*Verger*

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

*Acolyte*

Steve Allen

*Lector*

Barbara Layne, Peggy Carter

*Usbers*

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