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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Very Rev. Mark Delcuze, Rector
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator
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The Holy Eucharist and Baptism: Rite Two
The Word of God

Prelude

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

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Welcome

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

+Processional Hymn

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine
 2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -
 3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may
 4 Now near - er draws the day of days when
 5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that
 2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your
 3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing
 4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at
 5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

+Opening Sentences

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

+The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Read responsively by verse

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

2 He 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.

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

+The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

Please turn and face the Celebrant

Celebrant 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 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

⁺The 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.

+The Prayers of the People Form Four

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

+Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept

Leader and 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

+The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“At the Table of The Lord”

Althouse

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.
We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: “This is my body,” he said.

At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.
We remember him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord

At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.
For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be.
At the table of the Lord, we shall be free.

(Text by Jay Althouse)

+Offertory Response

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be, full
O Fa ther, Son, and Spi - rit blests, to

oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength-en
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a Proper Preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est!
Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, In your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

+Fraction Anthem

Who-ev-er comes to me shall not hunger, And who ev-er be-

lieves in me shall nev - er thirst. 1. thirst. 2. thirst.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Presider says

Bow down your hearts before the Lord.

The Presider says the following prayer:

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

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+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“Little Prelude in g minor”

Taylor

⁺Recessional Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Palm Sunday
April 2nd
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday
April 6th
7:30 PM

Good Friday
April 7th
Noon & 7:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Service
April 9th
6:30 AM

Easter Service
April 9th
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Please pray for: Pat Miller, Shelia Savage, Donna Roland, Erika Roof, Anneliesse Jones, Sharon McCain, Susan Fralic, Sheila Savage, Anna Sisson, Joanne Buck, Lois Woody, Layla, Nina Goldfarb, Gary Ballard (RIP)-Ballard Family, Richard Starsoneck, Jordan Baker (RIP)-Holly & Wheeler Baker & Family, Cheryl & Don, Bill Dingle, Bert Drohter, Toddy Denny (RIP), Liam, Champ, Al Peppel, Barbara Jerome, Jeffrey Thomas, Rose, Julie, Susan F, Richard Thomas, Sofie Amador, Lily & Rainey Family, Ellen Sullivan (RIP), Tim Sullivan (RIP), Wendy Eggl (RIP), Steve Guy, Cathy Donovan, Gillian Ferguson, Warren Henley, Wanda Bullen, Margie, Kathy Vernon, Kevin Scott, Mark Dillon (RIP), Joyce Snow (RIP)-Family of Joyce, Joan Cammarata (RIP)-Leslie Schneider & Family, Josh Johnson (RIP)-Johnson Family-Jimmy, Sandy & Family, Bishop Frank Griswold (RIP), Faith Baker (RIP)-Radley-Taylor Family, Sandra, Theresa & Alain, Nathaniel Folliot, Evelyn Folliot, Bill Kennedy

Prayer Requests can be sent to prayer@ccpki.org

Serving 10am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Herold, Ruthanne Herold

Lectors: Bob Thompson, Dottie Wilson

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Counters: Dottie Wilson, Bob Thompson

Greeters: Charlie Mead, Becky Myers

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Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for a special someone in your life with a flower offering for Easter Sunday, please place your order today by filling out this slip and placing it in the offering plate.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Amount: _____ Check # _____ Envelope # _____

Mid-Lent Saturday Refreshment Retreat

Gratitude, Compassion and Action

Saturday, March 25

9:30 ~ 11:30 am

Coffee and Snacks provided.

PRAYING GRATITUDE BY THREAD

All are welcome! No experience needed. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Learn the wonder of praying and creating with yarn or thread. Experienced with crochet or knitting? Bring your project, join our prayers. Want to begin something? Starter supplies will be provided along projects.

Questions? – Call Mimi Delcuze 203-470-6685

WALKING & TALKING COMPASSION AND QUIET

Walking the Stations of the Cross and Centering Prayer. We will share insights from our **Living Well Through Lent** Book. All are welcome to share and to listen. What is the Spirit saying to our hearts, souls, bodies, and minds? Ask Fr. Mark if you want to know more.

CLEANING UP CREATION

A variety of outdoor projects around the parish grounds. Clearing debris, removing saplings, and general sprucing up. Bring your yard tools and a willing heart. Contact Tim Aland gardenclub@ccpki.org for specifics.