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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
8:00 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
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

Helpful Guidance

Members: Please wear your name tag located on the magnetic board in the narthex.

Parish Office Information: The regular hours for the parish office are 9 am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please see the calendar for updates and closings.

Receiving Communion: All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are invited to receive communion, including children. After receiving the wafer, you may eat it and drink a sip of wine from the chalice, or, gently touch your wafer to the wine . If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest and we will offer a blessing. For those who have difficulty with the steps, please approach the altar area by the side aisles.

Please pray for: Pat Miller, Shelia Savage, Donna Roland, Erika Roof, Anneliese Jones, Sharon McCain, Susan Fralic, Sheila Savage, Anna Sisson, Joanne Buck, Lois Woody, Layla, Nina Goldfarb, Gary Ballard (RIP)-Ballard Family, Richard Staroneck, 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

Prayer Requests can be sent to prayer@ccpki.org

Serving 8am

Eucharistic Ministers: Liza Hamill

Lectors: Lois Vanderbok, Cathy Smith

Ushers: Tom Christensen, Maria Jones

Altar Guild: Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip, Becky Myers

Counters: Dottie Wilson, Bob Thompson

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Welcome	The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze
Prelude	“There is a Balm in Gilead” arr. Page
+Processional Hymn	Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness Hymnal #144
	vss. 1-3
+Opening Sentences	BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law	BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day	Bulletin
The First Lesson and Psalm	Bulletin
The Epistle	Bulletin
+The Gospel	Bulletin
The Homily	The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze
+The Nicene Creed	BCP pg 326
*The Prayers of the People	BCP pg 328
*Confession	BCP pg 331
*Absolution	BCP pg 332
+The Peace	

The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP pg 333
*The Lord’s Prayer		BCP pg 336
*Breaking of the Bread		BCP pg 337
Communion		
*Post-Communion Prayer		BCP pg 339
*Blessing		
Announcements		
+Recessional Hymn	Savior, like a shepherd lead us	Hymnal #708
+Dismissal		
+Postlude	“Little Prelude in g minor”	Taylor

+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.**

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.**

+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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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.