



# Trinity Episcopal “Old Swedes” Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

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## Service of Holy Eucharist – A Penitential Order for Rite Two

### Opening Hymn – 429

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the  
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint-ing  
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in

death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose  
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op-pressed, and feeds the  
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther-  
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing

last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.  
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Celebrant                      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
People                          **His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.

*Celebrant*

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.**

### **Kyrie (S86)**

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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### **Collect**

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.  
People            **And also with you.**  
Celebrant       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.**

## **Readings - 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.**

## **Psalm 23**

- 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.**

## 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.**

## Gospel Hymn – Hymn 493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos-en ed tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to John.

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

## Gospel - John 9:1-41

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 our Lord.  
People:        Praise to You Lord Christ.

## Sermon – The Rev. Gregory M. Wilson

### 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.**

## **Prayers of the People for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19th, 2023**

**Leader:** Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** Lord, be with us this day: It is easy to get overwhelmed when we look at all we need on a daily basis. Even when we doubt, you prove yourself faithful. Help us bring each one of our needs to you, and trust that you will provide. You know what we need even, more than we do. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** Lord, There is nowhere else that we can go to find our complete worth, other than in you. Help us be aware of when our attitudes are not helpful for ourselves and others. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** Be with us, Lord God, as we feel stressed and worried. Be our refuge and let us worry not about the things that are out of our hands. Give us peace, joy, as well as hope, and let Your will be done for our lives here in this world. Strengthen us with Your word and remind us that we can do all things through you. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; William, our diocesan bishop; Greg, our priest; and all who minister in Christ. We pray for the church and all its ministers. Help us to bring your love and your light out into the world and share the joy of knowing you with others. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** For our governments, we pray for our President Joseph. As a nation, God, help us to desire righteousness more than rights, and to mirror sacrifice more than selfishness. You know us well, and You understand our flaws. We ask that You turn those weaknesses into strengths. Help us to be known as a nation that values that which is right over that which is easy. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** For those who suffer in body, soul, or life circumstance. Ease their burdens and the burdens of those who care for them. Soothe their pain. We pray for those watching someone they love struggle with serious illness or injury and who long for your miraculous intervention. We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Leader:** For those who have died. In this life, you embraced them in your tender love. We ask that you now bid them eternal rest. For those who mourn, encircle their lives in your love. We remember the recent dead of our parish community and loved ones whom we remember either silently or aloud: (*pause here*), Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Presider:** Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen**

**Trinity Parish Prayer:**

**Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayer for the Trinity Parish Family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

**The Peace**

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People          **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

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**Offertory Anthem**

## Liturgy of the Table - Eucharistic Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

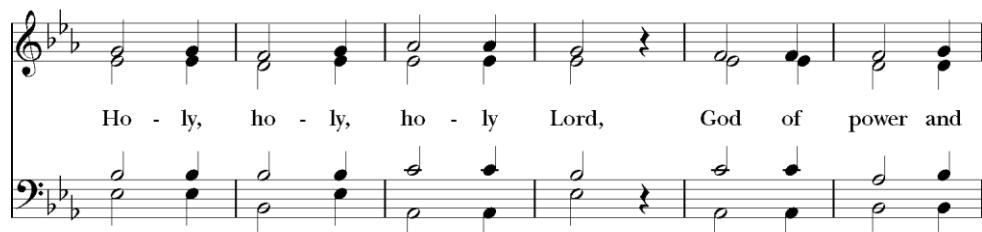
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus (S130)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are  
 full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na



*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,*

*People and Celebrant*

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Celebrant      Christ our Passover is  
                      sacrificed for us!

**People          Therefore let us keep the feast!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.**

## Blessing

## Hymn (WLP 773)

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is also in bass clef. The music is in common time (indicated by '4'). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-  
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

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