



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020  
11 a.m.

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*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

## **Morning Prayer, Rite I**

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*  
Officiant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No 1

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

— *Psalm 34:6*

### **INTROIT**

Tone VII

V. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her:

R. Exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may  
be satisfied with her consolations.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);  
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

— *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

— *Psalms 122:1*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

# VENITE S 35



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. For the



Lord is a great God, \_\_\_\_\_ and a great King a - bove all



gods. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and the heights of the hills are his al - so. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, \_\_\_\_\_ and his hands have



mold - ed the dry land. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, \_\_\_\_\_ and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. For

he is our God, \_\_\_\_\_ and we are the peo-ple of his

pas - ture \_\_\_\_\_ and the sheep of his hand. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

## PSALM OF THE DAY, PSALM 23 *Officiant and People together*

**The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul \***

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1–3

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.**

CANTICLE    *Officiant and People together*

*Benedictus es, Domine*

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: praised and exalted above all for ever.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41

*Deacon*    A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

*Deacon* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Arthur A. Callaham, Canon Vicar

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *The People stand or kneel.*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.



*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

*People* **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

*Officiant* Day by day we magnify thee;

*People* **And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

*Officiant* Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

*People* **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

*People* **As our trust is in thee.**

*Officiant* O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

*People* **Let me never be confounded.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Form II, page 385*

## A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860–1925);  
arr. Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green, he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil thou dost anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Will surely follow me;  
And in my Father's heart always  
My dwelling place shall be.

—*para. Psalm 23 in "The Scottish Psalter of 1650"*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

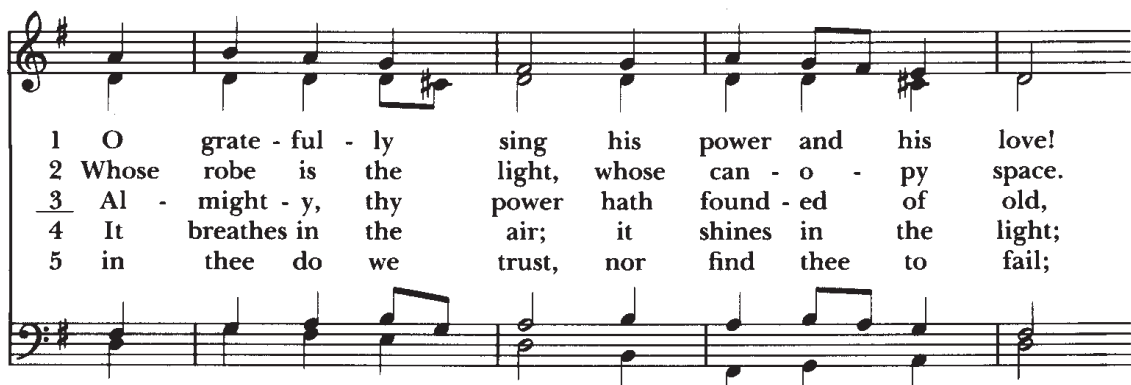
**And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;**

**and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end.**

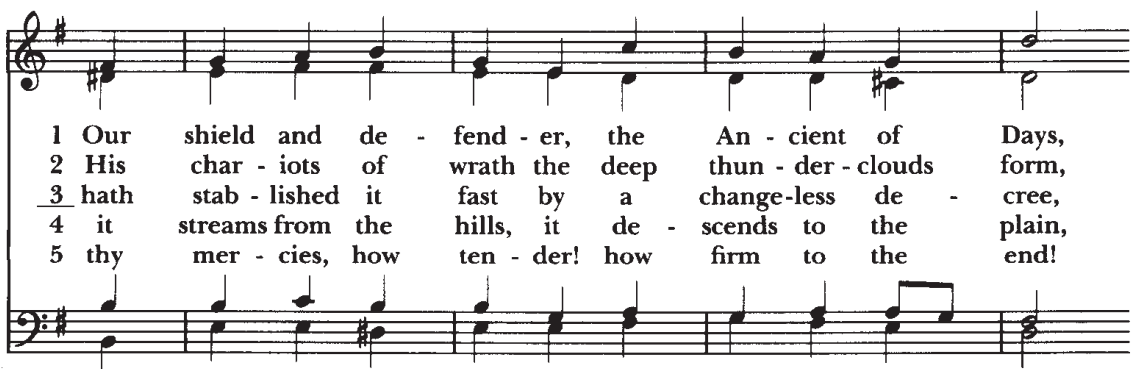
THE BLESSING



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in G Minor, Op. 101, No. 2

C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)

### *Music Notes*

Composed initially in 1915, the same year Herbert Howells was diagnosed with Graves' disease and told he would only have six months to live, the first set of Three Psalm-Preludes, Op. 32 was published in 1921 with each prelude drawing its musical inspiration from a carefully chosen Psalm. This prelude begins in an atmosphere of contemplation but gradually gives way to a more turbulent section depicting cries of despair. In the end, the work returns to a spirit of peace and meditation, reminding the listener that in the end, all will be well. Chosen to coordinate with the recent observance of St. Patrick's Day, Irish-born composer Charles Villiers Stanford composed his Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 101 as practical works for organists to use throughout the year; the movement performed this morning is a masterfully composed miniature packed with a great deal of harmonic exploration in just a few pages. — *DR*

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### *The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember John Woodward Benzon.

### *The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of James Leonard Dougherty, Jewel Kendall and  
William Brooke Hamilton, Henry Kendall Hamilton, Newton Gilbert Dougherty,  
and Maribel Kendall Daffan by Anne and Jim Dougherty Jr.




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# Welcome

## Sunday, March 22, 2020

### *Announcements*

- ❖ **The Robert C. Stuart Lenten Series meets this evening on Zoom** • Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, mobile device, or computer, and join the discussion today at 6 p.m. Once you have downloaded the app, go to <https://zoom.us/j/949282999>, Meeting ID: 949 282 999, or dial on your phone (346) 248-7799.
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