



MORNING PRAYER

Online Worship via ZOOM

Sundays 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Liturgy

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Your faithful servants bless You.
They make known the glory of Your kingdom.

The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us; let us pray with one heart and mind..

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of
Your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for You;
now and for ever.

AMEN

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me
beside quiet waters,

He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reading of the Gospel Passage of the Day

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he went 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?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg? Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

“How then were your eyes opened?” they demanded.

He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

“Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed and now I see.”

Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided.

Finally they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

“We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said. “He is of age; ask him.”

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. We know this man is a sinner.”

He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know

that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

“Who is he sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshipped him.

Jesus said, “For judgement I have come into the world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”

John 9: 1-41

**The Gospel of Christ:
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Intercessory Prayers

Collect Prayer of the Day (BAS)

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

Closing Liturgy

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us this living water, that we may not thirst.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

AMEN

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.