

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

PRESIDER: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
PEOPLE: **His mercy endures forever.**

PRESIDER: 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.**

Hymn: **“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Azmon

(See music at the end of this document)

THE FIRST LESSON – 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.**

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.

PRESIDER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE 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."

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Hymn: “**Be Still and Know**” (Keith Tan solo)

Steven Curtis Chapman

THE 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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy.”

PRESIDER: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for:

- The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
- The Nation and all in authority
- The welfare of the world

- The concerns of the local community
- Those who suffer and those in any trouble
- The departed

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

Hymn: **“O God Our Help in Ages Past”**

St. Anne, arr. Tan

(See music at the end of this document)

THE PEACE

PRESIDER: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 - ened 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 heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

O God Our Help in Ages Past (with Chorus)

Isaac Watts (para Ps. 90)

"St. Anne." and Keith Tan

Con moto ♩ = 108

A E/G# D/F# E(sus4) A E/G# D/F# E7(sus4) A A/G#

1.O God our help in
 (2.Un) - der the sha-dow
 (3.Be) - fore the hills in
 (4.A) thou-sand a - ges
 (5.Time,) like an ev - er -

6 F#m A/E A/C# B/D# E(sus4) E Bm7 C#m7

1.a - ges past, our hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 2.of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is Thine
 3.or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 4.in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone; Short as the watch that
 5.rol - ling stream, bears all our years a - way; They fly, for - got - ten,

10 D C#m7 Bm7 E7(sus4) 1. 3. A E/G# D/F# E7(sus4)

1.stor - my blast, and our e - ter - nal home: 2.Un -
 2.arm a - lone and our de - fense is
 3.Thou art God, to end - less years the same. 4.A
 4.ends the night be - fore the ri - sing
 5.as a dream dies at the o - p'ning

14 2. 4. 5. A A(sus4) A Bm7 A/C#

sure. O God, our help — in a - ges past, O God, our hope
 sun.
 day.

18 Dmaj7 A/E G

— for years — to come, Be Thou our guide — while life shall last,

2

to CODA | 1. 2.

21 E⁷(sus4) A E/G# D/F# E⁷(sus4) A E/G# D/F# E⁷(sus4)

— and our e - ter - nal home..

3.Be

5.Time,

26 3. A A(sus4) A D.S.

O God, our help

CODA
A E/A A

O God, our help

Bm⁷ A/C# D⁹maj7 A/E

— in a - ges past, O God, our hope— for years to come, Be Thou our guide

G Bm⁷ E⁷(sus4)

— while life shall last, — and our e - ter - nal home.

A E/G# D/F# E⁷(sus4) A E/G# D/F# E⁷(sus4) A