

THE FOURTH SUNDAY



IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023 - 10:00 AM

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

A welcoming parish loving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ

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We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.

This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step

WELCOME

Hymn HB 52 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Lenten Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins
People His mercy endures, now and forever. Amen

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.
<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>	<i>o r</i>	<i>Christe eleison.</i>
Lord, have mercy upon us.		Kyrie eleison.

A COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.**

FIRST READING

SAMUEL 16:1-13

Lector A Reading from the Book of Samuel

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.

Lector The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *read responsively*

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.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Lector A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

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."

Lector The word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

Officiant The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON the Rev. Philip Yahannon

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Form 3 BCP, p. 387)*

Leader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine for an end to this war. We also include in our prayers all those suffering with Covid. And for:

Hector Almodovar, **Marihena** Arias, **Tim** August, **Eva** Becar, **Kate** Bondy, **Karen** Brusati, **Karen** Bullen, **Frank** Calise, **Wendy** Carr, **Isabelle** Corbelan, **Martha** Delgado-Soto, **Craig** Stephon Dudsak, **Bob and Stephanie** Dziemian, **Maria** Fernandez, **Rosie** Flippo, **Penny** Gibson, **Michelle** Goethe, **Tony** Hernandez, **Jeanne** Hoffer, **Diane** Holdsworth, **Susan** Itaas, **Jack** Kaulfers, **Mary** Kennedy, **Rachel** Klan, **Carol** Kent, **Nicky** LaSaracina, **Adrian** Le Bron, **Swime** Leo, **Alex** Lom, **Karen** Luchs, **Louis** Luglio, **Jill** Macker, **Barbara** Maggio, **Josephine** Marino, **Danielle and Michael** Marino, **Turner** Marino, **Sue and Frank** Merritt, **Regina** Olatin, **Grace** Oliff, **Henya** Orzechowski, **Jake** Oshires, **Beverly** Pirrilli, **Donna** Radulich, **Maureen** Scerbo, **the family of Courtney Schraer, the family of Stephanie Shafir, Shira** Shatzkes, **Glenn** Shoudy, **Beth** Shriber, **Madison** Stager, **Richard** Taffuri **Lucille** Volmer, **Al** Wishneff, **Sorina** Yang.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Attributed to Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL VICTIMS OF MASS SHOOTINGS

God our deliverer, gather our horror, anger, and sadness at these deaths into the compass of your wisdom and strength, that through the night we may seek and do what is right, and when morning comes trust ourselves to your cleansing justice and new life. Amen.

(Adapted from Enriching our Worship 2, p. 143)

CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to
God. *Ephesians 5:2*
(Please place your offering in the alms basin)

The Liturgy of the Table

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

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.

(the service continues)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Book of Common Prayer/Book of Divine Worship

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray

Eternal God, Heavenly Father you have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with the spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood .
Send us now our into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING by Rev. Yohannon

Closing Hymn HB 532 – How Wondrous and great

DISMISSAL Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ
 People: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Fund: Donations to our Outreach fund are designated for Habitat For Humanity, an ecumenical organization which has built more than 250,000 houses around the world, providing more than one million people with safe, decent, affordable, new housing. You can make a donation via check, or as noted below, on our website. Just select “Outreach” and the amount you would like to donate. If you, or someone you know, is in need, please inform Warden Sue Dziemian. The Laura Fund and the Rector’s Discretionary Account are parish resources directed by the Clergy & Vestry, and may be available when needed. Additional contributions can be made to these funds payable to Church of the Annunciation with Laura Fund or RDF on the memo line.

STEWARDSHIP

We now have the ability to accept credit card and e-check payments on our website via a secure program provided by Vanco, and used across our diocese. It is so easy to use, and you can set up your pledge to pay automatically, or donate to our outreach fund. Just go to this page on our website and click the Donate button:

<https://www.annunciationoradell.org/support-us.html>

or mail them to:

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CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

We will celebrate our church’s Feast Day with a simple brunch after church on March 26-look for sign-up sheets in Laura’s Room, or contact grace_1335@yahoo.com. Hope we can all celebrate together:)

DONATIONS FOR OUR SPRING/SUMMER GARAGE SALE

Please remember Annunciation when you start your spring cleaning. We are looking for donations for our Spring/Summer Garage Sale, traditionally a very successful fundraiser.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S RESTORE

Join the volunteers from Annunciation who work at Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore in Westwood (121 Carver Ave). It could be a day, Monday through Saturday, 9:45-3:30, although shorter availability can work as long as it’s a minimum of two hours. Volunteer job options vary such as customer support, phones, grounds or loading dock. Anyone interested can text or call Liz Rooney at 201-310-3139.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Our Virtual Bible Study meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Pastor Karen leads the interactive discussion which consists of scripture readings and prayers. We warmly welcome anyone from our sister church St. Matthews to join us! Feel free to invite others that may be interested in joining in our group discussion. Hope to see you all at Bible Study! Blessings- Pastor Karen

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433093229?pwd=QUplQWMrRGJOUWZFTINVOWhNRy9BZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 3309 3229

Passcode: 443179

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

First Sunday of the Month: Liturgy of the Word Led by Pastor Karen

Second Sunday: Attend Worship At Another Church (*we will share our experiences on the following week during our virtual coffee hour*)

Third Sunday: Liturgy of the Word led by Grace Oliff

Fourth Sunday: Liturgy of the Word led by Sue Dziemian

WE NEED YOU!

We are working collaboratively to re-engage the mission and ministry of this church. We need all hands on deck to overcome a nearly \$2,000/month deficit, and to energize our gospel call in Oradell. Everyone needs to commit to one or more of the following efforts: evangelism, fundraising, outreach and stewardship. Please contact Rahul Dass to sign up if you have not done so already.

CHECK US OUT!

We are now on many social media platforms. Check out our new website, our Facebook page, or find us on Instagram & Twitter:

<https://www.annunciationoradell.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationOradell>

<https://twitter.com/AnnunciationO>

<https://www.instagram.com/annunciationoradell/>

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ONLINE WORSHIP RESOURCES

On the Sundays that we will not be holding a virtual worship service for our own church, here are several resources to choose from if you are looking for another place to “attend” on those Sunday mornings.

- Here is a full list of the churches in our diocese that have submitted their online resources:
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/covid-19/worship>
- Ways to practice faith at home:
<https://dioceseofnewark.org/resource-general/ways-practice-faith-home>
- Holy Eucharist at Washington National Cathedral via Youtube or Facebook (11:15am on Sundays):
<https://cathedral.org/event/holy-eucharist>
- The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine is hosting Morning and Evening Prayer daily via Zoom and a live streamed Sunday service at 11am. <https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/>



To enhance your weekly devotions and prayer, here are some helpful resources, that include a downloadable BCP:

[Virtual Resources for Devotion and Prayer](#)

For information on all that is happening in the Diocese of Newark, go to the website: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/> There you can sign up to receive important news, events and seasonal meditations from your diocese.

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