

St. David's Episcopal Church

"Fourth Sunday in Lent, 2017"
(Refreshment Sunday-Mid-Lent)

March 26th, 2017



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"Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the Captive
and the Oppressed"

*("You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the
service. Thank you!")*

Holy Eucharist

Introit (1982) *“O Christ the Healer”*

O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health,
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

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The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

A Reading from the Book of I Samuels (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.’² 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.”’³ 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.’⁴ 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?’⁵ 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.⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’⁷ 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.’⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’⁹ Then

Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.'¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.'¹¹ 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.'¹² 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.'¹³ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

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.*

*(All) 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.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (moment of silence)

Gradual Hymn: *"A Man Who Could Not See"*

A man who could not see received the gift of sight;
O Lord, you spoke and he believed and saw the light.
His joy was greater still than sight that was restored;
He saw, when you had made him well, that you are Lord.

Some leaders were distressed and said it was a sin,
For it was on the day of rest that you healed him.
They could not see the grace or know how much God cares;
The lack of vision in that place was truly theirs.

O Christ, you are the light to all who follow you;
You give to us the gift of sight — a new world-view.
When culture hems us in with values that destroy,
Lord, help your church to see again your kingdom's joy.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (9: 1-41)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We* must work the works of him who sent me* while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He 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.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then 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.' ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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.' ¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹ and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰ His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ 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.' ²² 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. ²³ Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'²⁴ 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.'²⁵ He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'²⁶ They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷ 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?' ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.'³⁰ The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?'³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.'³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.'³⁸ He said, 'Lord,* I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I

came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message: *Denise Fauconier-Price*
(*moment of silence*)

The Nicene Creed (BCP)

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Prayers of the People (Form VI)

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Exchange of the Peace

At The Offertory

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: : *“Do Good Works”*

Do good works while you still may.
Work while it is still called day.
Night is coming sooner than
Later when work’s hard for man.
Some men only know the dark;
While you can, you be their spark.

He is the Light of all life.
He is the end of man’s strife.
Wash the mud out of your eyes
So that God is glorified.
Wade deep in the pool called Sent;
Seeing starts with that descent.

Jesus heals on any day,
Bringing life back to this clay.
Let them ask you how you see;
Tell them freely why you're free:
Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.

Believe in the Son of Man
While it's day and you still can.
There is coming darkest night
When your soul would take its flight.
But it is required of you;
Foolish child, your life is through.

The best work that you can do
Is to trust that One so true
To His word and for the right.
Trust Him to restore your sight.
Jesus can give you vision
For He is the Light of men.

Hymn after the Offertory

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One:
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

Presentation of Elements

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "B")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (*Levas*)

Nos. 145, 183, 181

Post Communion Prayer:

"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 spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: *"To God Be The Glory"*

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Musical Postlude (*please remain seated, quietly, thanks!!*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – *Wayne Harris; Yohance Johnson*

10:30 AM – *Maudelin James; Roy Waterman; Lincoln Morgan;
Dorothy Dixon*

(April Ushers schedule now posted)

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially, our speaker this morning, *Denise Fauconier-Price*, and anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do *visit us again*.

Following both services this morning, there will be Lite Breakfast (8AM) & Brunch (10:30AM). All invited to partake.

During the Lenten Season, we will have "*Stations of the Cross*" every Friday evening beginning @ 7:30 pm. You will hear from your *Care Group Leader* with information on when your group will be meditating, and the procedures.

Casting Call, for Father Nisbett's play "Who's on Trial" If you are interested in taking part in the *passion play*, please contact *Lorna Moodie-Jones* or leave your name and telephone number in the church office. Thanks!



Health Guild reinstated. If you are interested in joining (member need not be health professional), you may speak to *Sylvia Vernon RN*.

Note: There are NO flowers in the Sanctuary during the Lenten Season. Please contribute \$25.00 towards Easter Lilies. Thanks!

Sanctuary Candle is given:

“in thanksgiving for our 54th Wedding Anniversary, Thursday, March 23rd, 2017” from *Euclid (Cy) & Daphnie Jordan*.

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THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Bible Study: Next meeting, Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Wednesday Night Lenten Service: March 29, 2017@ (7:30 PM)

(A)Saint Alban the Martyr, 116-42 Farmers Blvd. St. Alban, 11412

Rev. Canon Terrence Lee (Preacher) (and)

(B)Saint Stephens, 89-22 168th Street, Jamaica, 11432

Rev. Kassinda Ellis (Preacher)

Telephonic Prayer Group: During Lent, every evening, except

Sunday, @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are

welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal - Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays @ 7:30 PM. (during Lent)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Diocesan ECW invite all to attend their *Lenten Quiet Day* on Saturday, April 1st from 9AM to 3PM at the Mercer School of Theology in Garden City. Facilitators: *The Rev. Maxine Barnett* and *The Rev. Dn. Denise Galloway*. Registration is \$20.00 per person. Continental Breakfast & Lunch included. See Rosalyn Brown (917-951-6208) on or before 3/28th (Flyers in narthex)

The Drama Ministry presents the passion play "*Who's On Trial?*" on Saturday, April 8th & Sunday, April 9th (2 shows) @ 5PM here at St. David's Church in the undercroft. Admission is free. Goodwill offering accepted.

Ethnic/International Delight, April 29th, 2017 @ St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 99-10 217th Lane, Queens Village 11429. (5PM-9PM) Donation \$10.00 per person.

Defensive Driving Class-April 22, 2017 from 9AM to 3PM. \$45.00. you may see Meagan Nettey; Julie Norville; Josephine Hall for further information.

The ECW will host Women's Day on Sunday, May 7th at both services. Contributions for fellowship hour are welcomed. Please see *Rosalyn Brown*, *Annette Marion* or *Pat McNab* for the menu.

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)-@ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) See Barbara Morrison for additional information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062 (asking for members & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks!

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

Inez Atkinson; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armien; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis- Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordan; Michelle Joseph; *Germaine King*;; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longsworth; Joyce Lundy; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor–Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart; Sonia Thompson; Beatrice Tomlinson; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts; *Emma Weekes*; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro.
(Italics indicate members of St. David's)

Meditation: “The Reframing Shop”

In a comic strip, a veteran suffering from posttraumatic stress feels that she is “a mess.” She revives when a counselor suggests that she is “a wounded warrior” who got injured downrange. He explains to another character, “We just dropped by the reframing shop” (*Doonesbury, October, 2007*). She now has a new understanding that sets her free to act. It changes the way she sees, and that makes all the difference. In John’s gospel, blindness and seeing are never only about physical sight, but about spiritual understanding. Earlier in the gospel, when disciples asked Jesus, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” his answer was, “Come and *see*.” On Easter Morning, Mary Magdalene will proclaim, “I have *seen* the Lord!” In today’s story the unnamed man says, “One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I *see*.” The man born blind, the authorities, and the people scared of authorities frame the identical event in diverging ways: Jesus is a prophet, a sinner, a nobody. The authorities, preparing to “frame” Jesus in another manner, can see him only through the trouble he presents them. When they throw the man out of the congregation he has known all his life, Jesus himself goes to find him--and reframes our notions of who is blind and who can see. Most of us have some experience of a change in perspective or understanding that has made a real difference. Someone’s compassionate word or touch has revived us. When we have been pushed outside, someone has made the effort to come find us. We know what it is to look at the same reality with new insight, different eyes. The finding and the seeing happen not just once, but over and over again in our lives. Through the grace of God and the love of friends we can always drop by the reframing shop; it never closes.

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Fourth



SUNDAY

IN LENT

Sermon Notes

“EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE”



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