

FOURTH SATURDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 21, 2020

5:00 PM

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A LITANY OF SORROW & SIN

Sung Kyrie (verse 1):



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927
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Hear our lament, tenderhearted God. Receive our petitions, benevolent God.

Forgive us our sins, preserve us from evil, and protect us in death.

Support us, mighty God.

We have honored false gods, desecrated your name, devalued worship,
disdained our elders, harmed both neighbors and nature,
misused sexuality, cheated and stolen, lied and slandered,
and coveted what you have given to others.

Forgive us, loving God.

Sung Christe (verse 2)

From wrecking your creation, from contaminating space,

from polluting the air, from endangering the animals,

from abusing the soil, from harming the plants, and from fouling the waters,

Deliver us, merciful God.

From nuclear destruction, from war between the nations,

from strife within our country, from political repression,

from prejudice and injustice, from riots in our streets,

and from domestic violence,

Rescue us, gracious God.

Sung Kyrie (verse 1)

From plague and disease, from hunger and thirst, from injury and infirmity,
from unemployment and homelessness, from ignorance and despair,
from loneliness and fear, and from early or painful death,
Protect us, compassionate God.

Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate,
remember your promise to save:
remember Cain, saved from revenge;
remember Noah, saved from the flood;
remember Hagar, saved from thirst;
remember the Israelites, saved from slavery;
remember Ruth, saved from starvation;
and remember Naaman, saved from disease.
Remember your promise, O God.

Sung Christe (verse 2)

Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate, we are the needy:
we are Adam and Eve, expelled from the garden;
we are Joseph, abandoned by his brothers;
we are the slaves, pleading for freedom;
we are Miriam, struck with leprosy;
we are David, mourning our children;
we are Jeremiah, alone in the pit;
and we are Esther, begging for justice.
Save the needy, O God.

We implore you, faithful God, to receive our petitions,
as you hear the prayers of your Son, as you heed the groaning of your Spirit.
Have mercy, O God.

Sung Kyrie (verse 1)

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OPENING HYMN

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary, for you.

Sanctuary

+ Word +

READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from First Samuel.

¹The 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.” ²Samuel 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.’” ³Invite 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.” ⁴Samuel 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?” ⁵He 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.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But 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.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel 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.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³Then 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.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As Jesus 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 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?” 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 ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but 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." ²²His 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. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So 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." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He 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?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

DISCUSSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All are invited to pray, silently or aloud, for the concerns of your heart. Each petition concludes with:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, we praise you,
Thanks be to God.

+ **Thanksgiving** +

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

+ Sending +

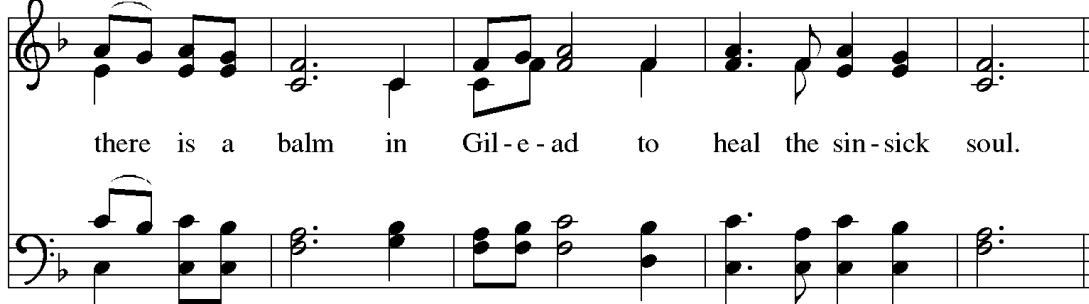
SENDING HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

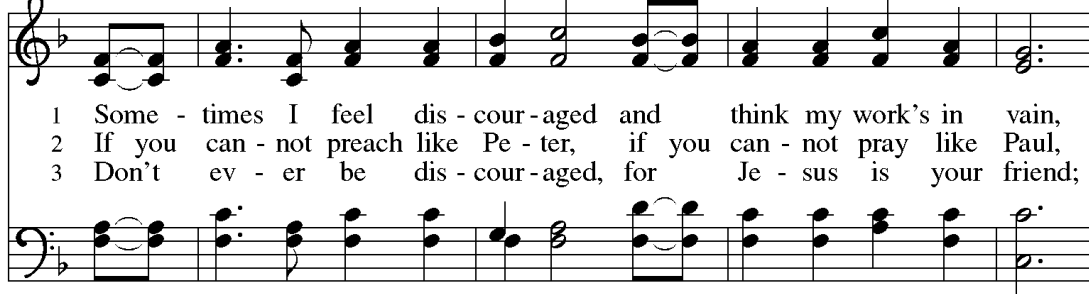
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, † Speaking, Spoken, and Inspiring,
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!
Thanks be to God!

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Let us pray for the family of Ingrid Johnson, the family of Paul Hoffmann, the family of Matthew Green, Michael Rager (*Christi Wise*), Virginia Milnikel, Buck Crist, Bob Oakes, Lani Miller, Doug Peters, Linda Bengfort, Fred Rudolfi, Steve Aschbacher (*Bill Kaspar*), the officers of the Rogers Park police district, Greyson Nester, the family of Tom Wendel, the family of Jean Prange, Dave & Sydney Fishburn (*Dave Brunn*), Chad Johnson, Ellie Basnik and Ross Johnson (*Chad Johnson*), the family of Paul Escamilla (*Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh*), Richard Thompson (*Sue Stanfa*), Sydney Johnson and her work, Mark Voosen, Margaux Tauszig (*Wolf Peddinghaus*), Ed Price (*Sarah Rink*), Jody Kretzmann (*Peter Nobel*), Jessica Sandoval (*the Radde family*).