



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Epiphany Parish, Walpole
March 19, 2023 - 10:00am Rite II



**"LORD,
I BELIEVE."**
JOHN 9:38

We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.

The Word of God

The Silent Procession

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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.

The Absolution

The Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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.**

Kyrie

Sung three times

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

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on _____ us.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

The Collect (in unison) 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.**

The First Reading

1 Samuel 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." 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 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.

Simplified Anglican Chant in 20 Seconds

Every **half verse (*)** matches with one **measure** in the music above.

Sing all the words of the half-verse on the **same first chord** of the measure--until you hit the final word (| **word**), which is sung on the **second note** of the measure. Then, sing the next half-verse on the opening chord of the next measure until the final word, and so on.

With each half-verse, move to the next measure until you hit the end—then begin again! The musical setting starts over again with **every odd-numbered verse**.

The Epistle Reading

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn

LEVAS #145 Have thine own way, Lord!

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christen H Mills

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People - Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

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.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Offertory Hymn

Choir Anthem



The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver

us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

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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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

WLP#773 Heal me, hands of Jesus

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a treble and bass clef with chords and melodic lines. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

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 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

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

H#150 Forty Days and Forty Nights

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

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Those in Our Prayers for the Week of March 19, 2023

George Ford, Jean Ford, Nancy Anderson, Amanda C, Frank Baronie,
Cindy Falcone, Bill Webb

We also continue to remember: Ed Glebus, Megan E, Tony, Gerry, David M, Ken Rohr, Frank Faricey, Cynthia S, Phyllis Goetz, Jenny Whitcomb, Phyllis MacKinnon, Peter, Patricia Hines, Scott Ashmanski, Don Uliano, Jason H, Shawn H

- We pray for our first responders and military personnel and their families.
- We pray for those affected by war, terrorism, natural disaster and violence, racism, abuse, addiction or loneliness.

Recently Departed:

George Stewart
The Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III

Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Laura & Tiberius N & Family
Jan N & Family
Carole O & Family
John & Nancy P & Family

Walpole Cycle of Prayer:

United Church in Walpole

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

All Saints Parish, Brookline
Church of Our Saviour, Brookline
St. Paul's Church, Brookline
Episcopal Chaplaincy at Boston University, Brookline
The Church Home Society

Celebrating Birthdays:

March 20 – Inara M
March 22 – Jay B, Martha F
March 23 – Douglas M
March 25 – Charles Z, Trey S

Celebrating Anniversaries:



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The **Finance Committee** is alive and working and needs your help! Dick Power (powerplans@verizon.net or 508-660-1793) chairs this committee which is trying to help the Treasurer in mapping the long-term financial health of the parish. We need some additional members to get a broader set of ideas. The committee meets via Zoom once a month for about an hour. If you could spare that time and provide a new perspective, it would be very helpful. Please contact Dick for more information.

Rite of Reconciliation Offered During Lent

The Rite of Reconciliation will be offered by the clergy of Epiphany Parish every Sunday in Lent from 3pm-4:30pm. No appointment is needed. For more information, click here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/reconciliation-of-a-penitent/>

This Bread and This Cup

This Lent we will be offering the This Bread & This Cup for children ages 6-9 to learn about Holy Communion. This is an at-home curriculum that parents and children do together. Following along with a workbook, there are readings and activities each week. In addition, once the class starts, we will schedule an in-person tour of the sacristy and sanctuary for all participants. Children will be recognized in church with a certificate once they have completed the curriculum. To sign up, please email office.epiphany@verizon.net

Epiphany Parish Weekly Events at a Glance

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday

7:00-8:00pm Bible Study

Wednesday

7:15am Morning Prayer
10-2pm Church Open for Prayer

Friday

8:00 pm AA (undercroft)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 2nd
Maundy Thursday—April 6th
Good Friday—April 7th
Easter Vigil—April 8th
Easter Sunday—April 9th

common cathedral Drop off
April 11th