The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 10:30 AM





Welcome to All Saints!

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ALL SAINTS?

Are you new to All Saints or the surrounding area? We'd like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket to let us know how we can include you in our life together. Vistors' cards and doodle bags for children are also available at the usher's tables.

If you'd like to know more about our ministries, please visit our website, allsaintsrichmond.org.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located at the back of the church off the Narthex (entrance to the church) and at the end of the Cloister hallway.

COVID SAFETY

All Saints is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our building and grounds. In current stage of the pandemic, masks are optional. Of course, all are welcome to continue wearing masks and distancing.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

All Saints clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.288.7811

FAMILIES IN WORSHIP

We welcome children of all ages to our worship. There are books, crayons, paper, puzzles, and a kid-friendly lectionary or lesson for today, all in the narthex (back of the church.) If your child, ages 3-5th grade, would enjoy Children's Chapel, have him or her follow the cross down the aisle with Christian Formation volunteers to the Children's Chapel upstairs for a lesson, craft, and snack. Parents are welcome to join us anytime. We will return your child(ren) during the announcements, making sure they find their way back to your pew.

SUNDAYS AT ALL SAINTS

Our Nursery is open from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

8:00 *a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel *10:30 a.m.* Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Opening Voluntary

Pastorale and Praembule

HYMN #646 (Please stand, as you are able)

The King of love my shepherd is

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

The Hymnal 1982

Dominus regit me

The Word of God

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People	His mercy endures for ever.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

JESUS SAID, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

KYRIE ELEISON

The Hymnal 1982 S 96



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

1 Samuel 16:1-13

BCP, p. 612

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	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**.

THE FIRST READING (Please be seated)

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Sung by all) Tone II.1 Tone II.1

- 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 run/ning 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.

THE EPISTLE

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.

HYMN #466 (Please stand)

Eternal light, shine in my heart

THE GOSPEL (*Please remain standing*)

OfficiantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory 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."

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Hymnal 1982

Jacob

John 9:1-41

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 the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (*Please stand*)

W^E 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,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

and his kingdom will have no end.

The Rev. Ben Robertson

BCP, p. 358

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 (*Please stand or kneel*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*)

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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**.

THE PEACE (Please stand)

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

To support the mission and ministry of All Saints, you can make a dontation by placing your offering in the plates passed through the congregation, or by scanning this QR Code to make a donation online through allsaintsrichmond.org.

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Words by Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626), Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

OPEN THOU MINE EYES and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessings of lips, in private and in public.

Please stand, as you are able, for the presentation of our offerings following the choral voluntary, and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	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 our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . .

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

BCP, p. 361



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues ...

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 S 164



Regarding Communion

All who seek a closer relationship with Christ are invited to his table. The ushers will let you know when it is your turn to approach the altar where you may either kneel or stand at the railing. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms crossed, and a wafer will be placed in them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Wine is offered from a common cup from which you may sip, or you may dip your wafer into a separately offered intinction cup. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may leave the rail after you've consumed the bread. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest when the priest approaches.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Text from Psalm 23; music arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, his presence is my stay; one word of his supporting breath drives all my fears away. His hand, in sight of all my foes, will still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; his oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may his house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

HYMN #145 (Sung by all)

Now quit your care

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Quittez, Pasteurs

Celebrant Let us pray.

OGOD, YOU MADE US IN YOUR OWN IMAGE and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SOLEMN COLLECT

Hymn #541

Come, labor on

DISMISSAL

Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People	Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Dominus Regit me'

The Hymnal 1982

Ora Labora

Richard Dirksen (1921-2003)

Participants In Today's Liturgy

The Reverend Ben Robertson, *Celebrant* Susan Semmes & Jim McCauley, *Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Addison & Meredith Fincke, Daniel Johnsrud, & Marshall Ryan, *Acolytes* Scott G. Hayes, *Choirmaster* Daniel Stipe, *Organist* The Mens, Boys & Girls Choirs & Choral Scholars Ernie Leasure and Team, *Ushers* Gretchen Cosgrove & Team, *Altar Guild*

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PRAYER LIST

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Joe Rapisarda, Anita Werner, Daniel Riddick, Marshall Ryan, Julia Coulter, William Bailey, Ally Creason, and Liza Shangin

We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially: Chip & Anne Hogge

We lift in prayer those who are Sick or Distressed, especially: Alice, Mark Bangiyev, Susan Carter, Pam Hartough, Katherine, Anne Oliver, Cliff Pierce, Pat Poulson, Heather Rennie, Carol Rhodes, Francisco Sanchez, Pat & Diane Taylor, and Marti Watson

We remember those who have died, especially: Irvo Otieno

