



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT "MOTHERING SUNDAY"  
A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
MARCH 15, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!**

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**PRELUDE:** Fugue XXIF in B minor, BWV 869

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**HYMN 143:** The glory of these forty days, vv. 1-4

ERHALT UNS HERR

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**G**racious 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.**

*Congregation is seated.*

## THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**T**he 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.

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me, Sung by the Cathedral Choir* Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

- 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.

**THE SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**O**nce 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.

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN 645:** The king of love my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

**THE GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41 *Standing as able.*

*Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**A**s 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."

*After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, BCP 358 *Standing as able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon:* Let us pray and respond to each petition by saying, "**Hear your children's prayer.**"

We pray for the holy Catholic Church, the father and mother of us all, for the family of the Church and for the lives of families around us. Gracious God, **Hear your children's prayer.**

Sovereign Lord, your Son has revealed you as our heavenly Parent, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. Gracious God, **Hear your children's prayer.**

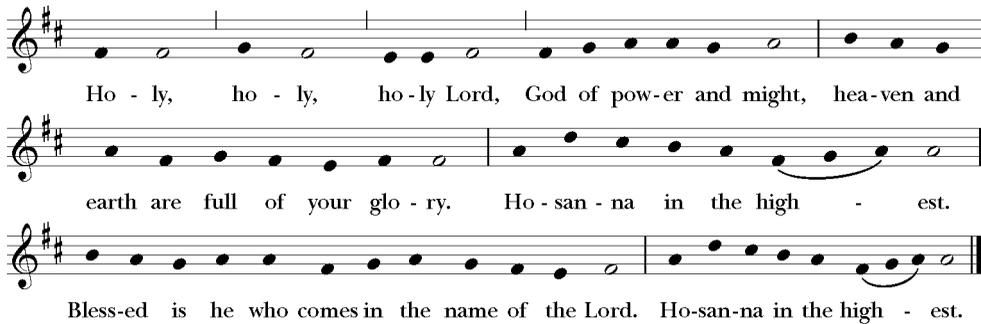


## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer A, *BCP 361*, standing as able.

### The Sanctus: S 124

David Hurd (b. 1950)

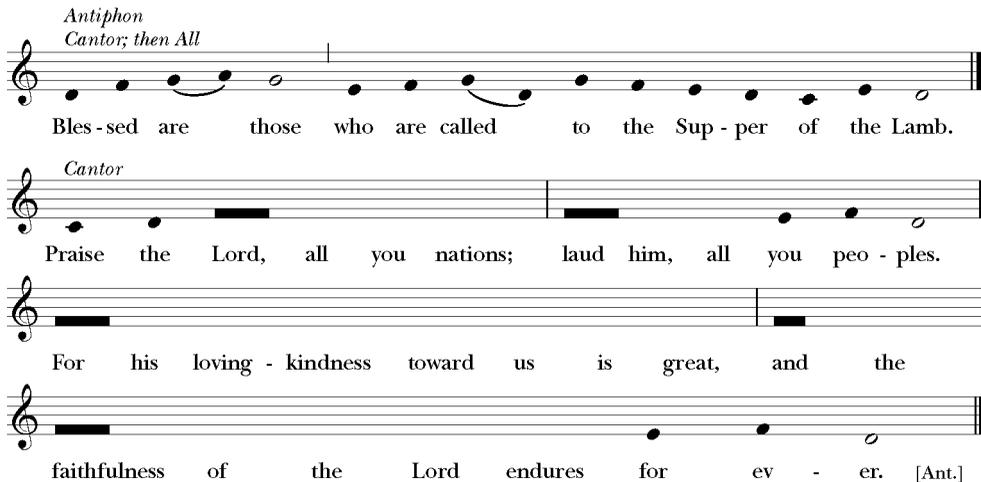


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER, *BCP 364*

#### FRACTION ANTHEM: S172

Mason Martens (b. 1933)



*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*  
Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.  
*Cantor*  
Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.  
For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the  
faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome! Communion is available at the altar rail or at the crossing. To receive a blessing from the priest, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake. After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN 490:** I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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.**

**PROCESSION HYMN 440:** Blessed Jesus, at thy word

LIEBSTER JESU

### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Kleine Partita on HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Willem Vogel (b. 1959)

You are invited to join us now in All Saints Hall for pie and fellowship  
in honor of Mothering Sunday and Pi Day yesterday (3.14).

### MINISTERS TODAY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

**Preacher:** Dr. Lynn Moss Bahr, *Dean of Bishop Kemper School for Ministry*

**Deacon:** The Reverend Carl Edwards

**Vergers:** George Webb, Kent Wingerson

**Acolytes:** Team 1, Michael Wilson, *Capt.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Park,  
Sam Todwong, Michael Massey

**Lector:** Bob Durst

**Altar Guild:** Group B, Jane Myers, *Capt.*

**Ushers:** Team 3, Kevin Cassidy, *Capt.*

**Organist:** Dr. Donald Livingston

**Choirmaster:** Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

**Associate Choirmaster:** Zachary Cope

**Sound/Lights:** Adrian Horne

**Livestream:** Megan Larson

### CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This afternoon:** Join us at 4:00 p.m. for Evensong which will include the installation of Kent Wingerson as *Honorary Canon* of Grace Cathedral. A reception will follow the service.

**Wednesdays in Lent, March 18 & 25:** Join us for a service at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral followed by a simple supper in All Saints Hall. The meal on March 18 will be hosted by Daughters of the King, and the meal on March 25 will be hosted by the Men's Group.

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**Adult Forum, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall:**

**March 22** – We will wrap up the Lenten book series on *A Full-Hearted Life*, with an interview between Dean Torey and the author, Bishop Jake Owensby.

**March 29, April 5 & 12** – No Adult Forum on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday or the Sunday following Easter. We will gather again on April 19 & 26 with a lesson on Birds of the Bible with Dr. Nicholas Pumphrey.

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**Upcoming Memorial Service:** A service to celebrate the life of Debbie Sesler will be held at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow in All Saints Hall.

**Easter Flower Memorials:** Donations are being accepted for Easter Flowers. If you would like to have someone remembered, please use the form on the table in the west transept. The deadline to have names printed in the Easter service bulletin is Monday, March 30.

**Upcoming Memorial Service:** A service to celebrate the life of Al Martin, husband to Barbara Lewerenz, will be held at Grace Cathedral on Thursday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow in All Saints Hall.

**Blessing Box items needed:** Donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to church and placed in the grocery cart in the Cathedral. Donations may also be brought to the Cathedral office at any time during business hours. Thank you!

**Sharing Table Donations:** Current needs include: band-aids, deodorant, body lotion, body wash, sunscreen, chapstick, shampoo, disposable razors, shaving cream, pain reliever, and bar soap. No clothing donations, please. Thank you for your continued support that is making a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors!

**Prairie Wind Hospice is looking for volunteers** to spend one hour each week with a person facing a serious illness. As a visitor you would be helping through your presence - sharing music, reading, conversation or quiet companionship. This is not a church-sponsored ministry. Any training would be provided by Prairie Wind Hospice. If you are interested, contact Michael Brockhouse, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-299-3770 (call or text) or email [mbrockhouse@prairiewindhospice.com](mailto:mbrockhouse@prairiewindhospice.com). Prairie Wind Hospice serves several counties in Kansas, including Shawnee.

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