



Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2020

Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email admin@hfec.org. Thank you for being part of the community this worship time!

References marked *BCP* are for pages in *The Book of Common Prayer*

A Penitential Order – Rite II

Entrance Hymn *Hymnal 645*
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

The Word of God

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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

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

Confession of Sin BCP 360

**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.**

Officiant
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.**

Trisagion
**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day
Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

The Second 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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.”

Deacon The word of the Lord
People Thanks be God.

Homily

The Rev. Bruce Gray

The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.

Form IV BCP pg. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

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. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and people of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis.

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. We pray for those participating in the Lenten Challenge. In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Wilson families and for our Finance Committee.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Especially remembering those on our prayer list, 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 Officiant adds further prayers.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Johnson

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

Additional Prayers

The Blessing

The Priest will pronounce a final blessing

Dismissal Hymn

Gather 263
Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: *Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.*

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!

Refrain

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at bgray@hfec.org or go to the Holy Family Website HolyFamilyFishers.org.

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Church at Home: During this challenging and confusing time, quarantined at home with elearning and teleworking intermingled, households with children can quickly become a space filled with tension and frustration. While there are many options for sharing in worship online, there is also the opportunity to slow down and join together for church at home. Children in grades 2-6 have participated in Holy Family's "Pray Space" for approximately one year. This moveable altar serves as a reminder that the centering act of community prayer binds them together even when their physical location changes throughout the building. With recent travel and gathering restrictions, perhaps they are the most prepared! This article written by Elizabeth Rees, associate rector at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA, shares some ideas for ways to incorporate "church at home" in your household's prayer life.

<https://buildfaith.org/home-church/>

Lenten Challenge: Join the Lenten Challenge by making a special effort to follow the practices of Prayer, Worship, Serving, Learning and Discerning, and Sharing through Holy Saturday, April 11. Contact a member of the Vestry for more information, and sign up online at tinyurl.com/LentenChallenge2020

COVID-19 Information: The Episcopal Church Foundation has created a helpful website for information about the COVID-19 virus and Episcopal Church responses. The links range from home prayer resources to official church announcements. The page can be found at <https://www.ecfvp.org/blogs/3763/covid-19-resources-2>

Personal Prayer: During this difficult time, Deacon Cathy and Father Bruce are available to pray with individuals or families by text or phone. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together. The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412
The Reverend Cathy Scott (317) 441-8493

Love Thy Neighbor: While following recommended social distancing procedures, consider checking in on ill, elderly, or isolated neighbors to make sure they are doing ok.

Morning Prayer & Compline – Facebook Watch Parties: The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis has set up a new page ([IndyDio Virtual Abbey](#)) on Facebook for live videos of Morning Prayer and Compline at 8 AM and 8 PM, respectively. Holy Family's Senior Warden, [Ruth Everett](#), has been setting up a watch party for these so that the Holy Village can still worship together during this complicated time. All are welcome to join in on these Watch Parties. If you don't see her hosting a watch party online for this, feel free to participate directly through the diocesan page, [IndyDio Virtual Abbey](#).

New Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a new blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. Holy Family's deacon, Cathy Scott, is also contributing to it and other authors may also do so in the future. The website is www.churchfromadistance.org. Feel free to share it with others, and to offer suggestions or questions that would help make the blog more interesting and helpful. Contact Bruce at bgray@hfec.org.

Pub Theology Online: On April 1st, Holy Family will host Pub Theology beginning at 6:30 PM. This will be an online conversation, and details on how to participate will be shared soon. Contact Deacon Cathy or Fr. Bruce for more information.

Confirmation Class Continues Via Email: Holy Family's confirmation class is continuing its study of our faith and Episcopal Church practices, by holding discussions through email, rather than in-person classes. This week we explore church history. Future discussions will cover what we believe, our worship practices, prayer, and the sacraments. You are welcome to join the discussion. If you are interested, contact Deacon Cathy by email to cscott@hfec.org.

Morning Book Club Going Online: This book club is for adults of all ages. The current book is *Listening Is An Act Of Love* by Dave Isay. This book is full of inspiring stories of ordinary people, so is very appropriate to this difficult time. An online discussion group has been formed for those who are interested, and may be helpful in forming connections with one another. Please send a request to join the group here: tinyurl.com/HolyFamilyBookClub

Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts: Holy Family hosts a podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. Father Bruce and Ben Paden briefly discuss the assigned scriptures. New episodes are released on Tuesdays in preparation for the following Sunday. The podcasts can be found on iTunes and other podcast sources. Share with your friends!

Giving to Holy Family Online: Even though Holy Family is not gathering in person, the work of ministry continues in a wide range of activities. Bills continue to be paid, and therefore giving by parishioners continues to be crucial. Please give by using your online banking, by using the giving link on the parish webpage (which works using [PayPal](#)), or by mailing your contribution to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

Passing the Peace: As Holy Family moves to online worship for a time, parishioners are invited to record members of their family passing the peace to one another. These clips will then be used in future service recordings offered on the Holy Family YouTube channel (HFECVIDEOS). Your videos may include any members of your family, including pets. Please send video clips to musicministry@hfec.org

Mulch Cash & Carry: Looking to freshen up your landscaping in these dreary winter months? Bags of Forrest Fines mulch are now available for just \$5. Please make payment to the church office or online here: holyfamilyfishers.org/donate/ If you prefer, bulk mulch delivery to your home will also be available on April 22 or 23 and May 20 or 21. Watch for upcoming announcements for this year's mulch sale and flower market in May.

Upcoming Events:

Vestry Meeting: Online Meeting March 24 @ 7 PM

Bishop's Visit & Confirmation: May 31 @ 10 AM

In Case of Emergency: Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

Prayer List: Tim, Noel, Linda, Greg, Tim, Carla, Kristine, Kerry, Lindy, Laraine, Krista, Kyla, Alma, Betty, Paul, Bob

Serving today:

Officiant: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Readers: Ruth Everett, Betty Bogeman
Prayers: Bob Murray

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