



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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March 22, 2020

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*The Tree of Life is Growing Here*

*We are called to offer sanctuary in the city,  
to grow in God's love,  
to seek the renewal of the world*

This is our first experience of an all-virtual worship service. We are glad you are beginning this journey with us. We will be working each week to improve the quality of our online liturgy.

For more information about parish ministries and on becoming involved in the life of the parish, please visit the parish website [www.standrewdenver.org](http://www.standrewdenver.org)

During this service the Officiant will read the parish prayer list, followed by a silence for your prayers. If you would like to add names to the list, please contact [prayers@standrewdenver.org](mailto:prayers@standrewdenver.org).

Please remember that though the physical church is closed, our financial needs continue. We are committed to offering ongoing financial support to those in need through our fundamental partners in outreach ministry, to paying our staff, maintaining our buildings and grounds, and offering worship and formation opportunities.

Please give generously to support our mission and ministries in one or more of the following ways:

- Go to the St. Andrew's website ([www.standrewdenver.org](http://www.standrewdenver.org)) and use the **Donate** button at the bottom of the page using a credit or debit card.
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- Mail your check to the church (2015 Glenarm Place, Denver CO 80205)

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MORNING PRAYER • MARCH 22, 2020

## The Voluntaries

Andantino  
Aria

*Frank Bridge (1879-1941)*  
*Charles Callahan (b. 1951)*

## Welcome

### *Opening Sentence*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

## The Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

### *Officiant and People together*

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 Priest 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.**

**The Opening Hymn** (*see next page*)

*HYFRYDOL*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*setting: Timothy J. Krueger (2020)*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory to the Father, and the to Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Invitatory Psalm: 95: 1-7 (*sung by the choir*)

*Venite  
Plainchant*

Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, \*

a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

## The Psalm: 23

*Dominus regit me  
Plainchant*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.  
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.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

*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.

### **Magnificat:** *The Song of Mary*

*setting by MB Krueger (2019)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the

Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. *Luke 1:46-55*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

### **The Second Lesson**

*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.”

### **Nunc Dimittis: The Song of Simeon**

*setting by MB Krueger (2019)*

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

### **The Gospel**

*John 9: 1-41*

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 Sermon**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Prayers

*setting: Timothy J. Krueger (2020)*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, 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.

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Choir* And grant us your salvation.

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Choir* Let your people sing with joy.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Choir* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Choir* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;

*Choir* Your saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Choir* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Choir* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Collect of the Day*

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 forever. Amen.

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Anthem:** Der Herr ist mein Hirt

*Lewis Lewandowski (1828-1894)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. 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. 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. 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 Intercessions**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

*Officiant*     Let us bless the Lord.

*All*             Thanks be to God.

## **The Concluding Sentence**

**The Closing Hymn** (*see next page*)

*HYFRYDOL*

**The Voluntary:** Toccata in B Minor

*Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## **Keep Up with our Parish Life!**

### **We are Still the Church**

We are beginning to learn how to come together as a non-proximate community of prayer, worship, fellowship, and service to the world. Each day brings new responses to an unfolding situation. Thank you to our parish leaders, vestry, staff, and clergy, who have worked faithfully and tirelessly these past days. Thank you to those of you who have offered to help as we learn new ways of being together, to those of you who have responded to our first efforts to be church in an unexpected way.

These notices are current today. As things change, we will make every effort to keep you informed.

### **Want to Help?**

We are looking for volunteers to join our phone tree. It is our hope to call everyone in the parish to check in, visit, and maintain the bonds of our community.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist the homebound with basic errands such as grocery and pharmacy runs.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Rev'd Nina Churchman: [woodynina@gmail.com](mailto:woodynina@gmail.com)

### **Morning Prayer Yoga**

...is suspended for now.

### **Wednesday Centering Prayer, Thursday ELF, and Friday Stations of the Cross**

We hope to resume these prayer and formation offerings this coming week – virtually, via Zoom

### **Donations for Easter flowers**

...are on hold for now. We will still be publishing a list of names in our Easter service leaflets. If you have questions, please contact [Office@standrewdenver.org](mailto:Office@standrewdenver.org).

## **Virtual Talent Show**

Save the Date: May 9 - St. Andrew's Virtual Talent Show. Be watching for details and planning your talent entry.

## **Richard Rohr teleconference and Workshop: May 15 and 16**

Planning for this event is on hold. Please watch for updates.

## **Our annual BIDnBRUNCH Silent Auction**

...was scheduled for Sunday June 7. Planning for this event is currently on hold

### **Email Scams**

**Please remember, especially in these uncertain times, to avoid email scams. Clergy and church leaders will never send you an email "asking for a favor," etc. Check addresses carefully.**