



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 AT 9 A.M.

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## Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## The Penitential Rite

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray. Almighty God,

*All:* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest:* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

*People:* **whose mercy endures forever.**

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

## Confession and Absolution

Andrew Kuhl

*Priest:* O Holy One,  
we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.  
Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the moment,  
because we are so preoccupied with our daily lives.  
Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true  
feelings.  
Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our  
strength.  
Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.

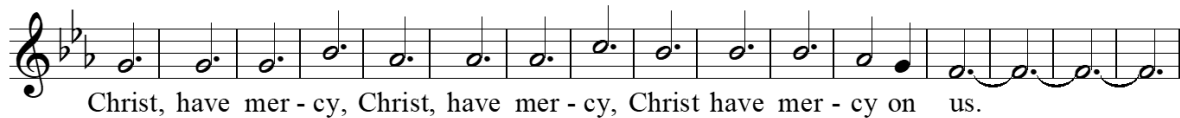
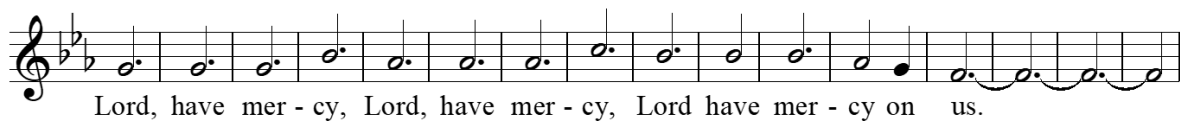
*People:* **Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset,  
remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.  
Free us from shame and self-doubt.  
Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities  
to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our convictions.  
In your name we pray. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Kyrie: Mass of St. Augustine

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## The Collect of the Day

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Priest:* Holy God, in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world, even when we are blind to your grace. Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst, so that we may see your world anew; through Jesus Christ, the Saviour who shows compassion. **Amen.**

## Reading

*Henry Krol*

*Reader:* A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

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.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he makes me down to  
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth  
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no  
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low



lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness, even for his own name's sake.  
ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
foes; my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.  
me, and in God's house for ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885-1960). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

## The Gospel

Susan Haig

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As he walked along, Jesus 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 neighbours 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 worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement 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.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 9:1-41

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

*Sylvia Keesmaat*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Karen Turner*

*Leader:* In response to the One who says “Awake O Sleeper and Christ will give you light,’ we rise up to pray for those we love, and those we know in troubling situations.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* We pray for your Church, this church and others, committed to caring for the world the way you do. Help us, Holy Spirit, to do your will. Whatever our shortcomings, we are born for your glory.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* We pray for Ukraine, that peace would come and for justice to prevail.  
We pray for countries torn apart by civil war, that peace would come to Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Mali, Haiti, and Iraq.  
Emboldened us as your children to make peace wherever we are, especially with the Indigenous people with whom we share this land.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* We pray for those experiencing famine and drought. Give them your living water.

We pray for those who are hungry. Give them their daily bread,

We pray for those without a home or family. Lead them to the green pastures of welcome and a safe home.

We pray for those who are ill, for those who are alienated and alone. Heal and restore them.

Empower us to support and treat those in need as equals.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* Thinking of your goodness and unfailing love, we mourn those who have recently died and pray for those who are struggling without them.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* These and all our prayers we offer to the One in whom we have all we need, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **Healing**

*For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the priests present privately in the chat.*

## **The Peace**

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Hymn: #352 (Common Praise) “Amazing Grace”

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved; how
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my hope se - cures; he
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I have al - read - y come; 'tis
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun, we've



once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.  
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
no less days to sing God's praise that when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton (1725-1807). St. 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, Richmond, 1790. Music: Melody *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829; adapt. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. John Campbell (1950-2020).

## The Lord's Prayer

Andrew Kuhl

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Andrew Kuhl

*Priest:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*



*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

*You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Doxology

*Andrew Kuhl*

*Priest:* Glory to God,  
*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements not in “Ministry Updates”

*Andrew Kuhl*

## Closing Hymn: #592 (Gather) “Your Will Be Done”

*Redeemer Music Team*

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord." The final note of the third staff is a double bar line.

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Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on  
earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Tune: South African traditional, as taught by George Madana; transcribed by John L. Bell, b. 1949; © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## The Dismissal

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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