

St James Cathedral

CHICAGO



"Hope" by George Frederic Watts

Morning Prayer Fourth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2020

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

HYMN

Hymnal 435

1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,

1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;

1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,

1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.

Music: King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Samuel. (16:1, 6-13)

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."

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.

read by Benedict Barrington

The choir sings

PSALM 23

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 for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel According to 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."

read by Robert Black, Lieve Buzard, Stephen Buzard, & Nicole Spencer

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee
Bishop of Chicago

ANTHEM

Richard Farrant (1530–1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old, O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness. – Psalm 25:5–6

The Prayers

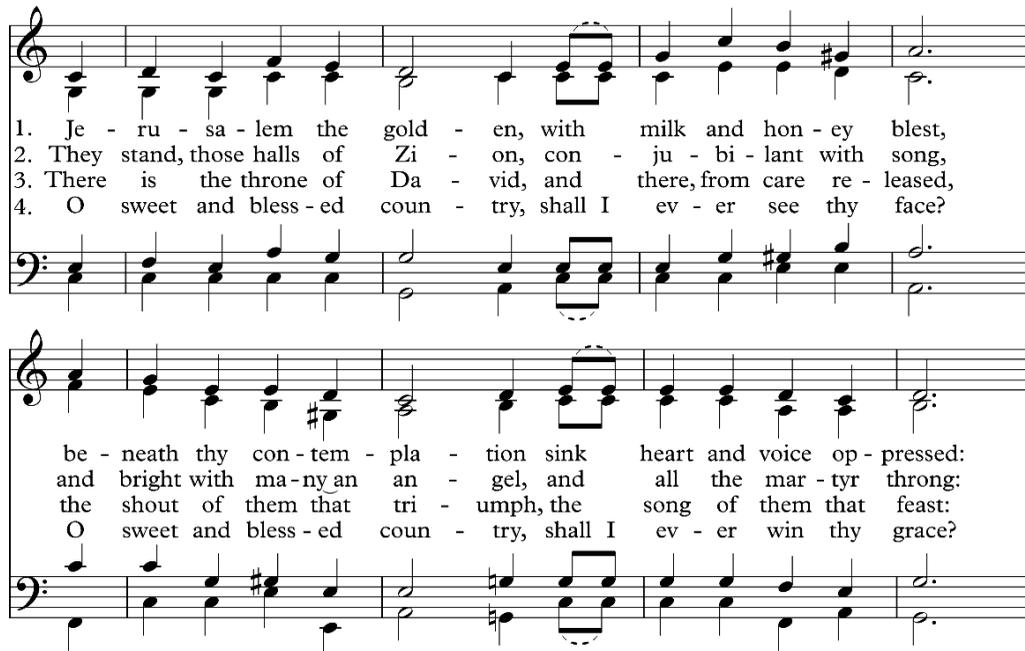
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, living and true, look upon your people, whose dry and stony hearts are parched with thirst. Unseal the living water of your Spirit; let it become within us an ever-flowing spring, leaping up to eternal life. Thus may we worship you in spirit and in truth through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 Sub-Dean offers prayers for the needs of the world and the church.

HYMN



1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
2. They stand, those halls of Zi - on, con - ju - bi - lant with song,
3. There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
4. O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, shall I ev - er see thy face?

be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:
and bright with ma - ny an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast:
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, shall I ev - er win thy grace?

I know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
the Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
Ex - ult, O dust and ash - es! the Lord shall be thy part:

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
for ev - er and for ev - er are clad in robes of white.
his on - ly, his for ev - er, thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866); St. 4, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861
Music: Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

BLESSING

The Dean prays for God's blessing on the people.

VOLUNTARY

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 659 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A recording of this service is available at www.SaintJamesCathedral.org and SoundCloud. The service was led by the cathedral clergy, with music provided by members of the cathedral choir and music staff. The broadcast was recorded and edited by Paul Bieschke and produced by Robert Black.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

WE PRAY FOR those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, including Seth, Debra, Annie, Kay, and those whose hurts, burdens, and fears go unspoken. *Long-term prayer lists are published weekly in the E-News.*

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED that were known and loved in the cathedral community, and last week's victims of gun violence in Chicago, including Diangelo, Damieon, Cesar, and Tyshaun.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For the spouses, partners, and children of our bishops, priests, and deacons, that their relationships would be strengthened and their own ministries to their families and the church be blessed by your Holy Spirit.

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