

Lent IV



The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15th, 2026
Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Tonight!

A poster for a St. Patrick's Day concert. The background is a light green with a dark green rectangular area in the center. The dark green area is framed by a decorative border of green shamrocks and vines. The text is centered within the dark green area. A golden harp is positioned to the right of the text.

Holy Cross Music Ministry's
St. Patrick's Day
Concert

An evening of Irish music with:
Monika Durbin (harp & piano),
Victor Andzulis (fiddle),
& The Holy Cross Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 15th, 5pm

A poster for a concert titled 'The Way of Sorrows'. The background is a dark purple, textured fabric. A large, ornate silver crucifix is positioned on the right side of the poster. The text is in a white, gothic-style font.

The Way of Sorrows

Join the Chancel Choir for a concert
exploring and reflecting
on the themes
found in the Stations of the Cross.
Follow Christ's journey
to the cross and grave
through music, scripture, and prayer.

6pm Friday, April 3rd



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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The Service of the Word

Good morning! We love our love for one another! Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

Opening Voluntary: "So Will I"

Opening Hymn 439: "What Wondrous Love"

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever!**

The Confession *Altogether*

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Kyrie:

Ky-ri-e - e-le-i - son. Chri - ste
e-le-i - son. Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, e - le-i - son.

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First 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.**

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively by half verse*)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn: "Worthy of it All"

*All the saints and angels bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing*

*(Chorus) You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things and to You are all things
You deserve the glory*

The Gospel Reading: *John 9:1-41*

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

As he 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 Word of the Lord.*

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message

The Apostles’ Creed (*in unison*)

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 the life everlasting. *Amen*
(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

Have mercy on us, O God, and, in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all of God’s people. Wash us through and through, *And cleanse us of our sin.*

In this season of Lent, we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent, be transformed, and grow closer to you, Lord Christ. Create in us clean hearts, *And renew a right spirit within us.*

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Guide them to seek the common good and make just decisions, according to your will. Purge us from our sin, *And we shall be pure.*

We pray for those who hunger or thirst, for those who cry out for justice or live under the threat of terror, and for those who are without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of your joy and gladness, *That those who are broken may rejoice.*

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and who are lonely. We pray for all who are on our church’s prayer list – *silence.* Give them the joy of your saving help, *And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

We pray for those who have died - *Silence* - and for all who have entered into the land of your abiding peace. We commend them to your loving presence, *And ask you to comfort all who mourn. Amen*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: “Shepherd Me, O God”
*(Refrain) Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. [Refrain]*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. [Refrain]*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. [Refrain]*

*You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. [Refrain]*

*Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. [Refrain]*

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus S-129
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

Communion Hymn: “Death Was Arrested” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “O Beauty Ever Ancient” (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)
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.

Closing Hymn: “Christ Be Our Light”
*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*
*(Refrain) Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)*

The Dismissal



Serving Today

8:00am DOD: Pam Walker. Readers: Ed Austin, Isabelle Peterson

10:30am: DOD: Susan Karl. Acolytes: Stella Dixon, Bella Rider, Landree Williams. Ambassador: Clay Coleman. Chalice Bearers: Sabrina Merritt, Eden Ridgeway. Readers: Leslee Williams, Aaron Wimmers

Home Communion Volunteers:
Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes



This week's playlist!

Prayer List

Prayer

Barbara Coats, Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Audrey and Robert Westbrook, Benny Kingsley, the people of Cuba, Willie Mae Norris, Barbara Danielsen, Cindy Skeen, Bernice Bennett, Travis Lee, Angie Rodriguez, Barbara Edwards, Lisa Johnson, Rev Teris

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald

Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimando, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

Marie Marshall, Brigitte Birkes, George Edward Pugh

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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Communion Hymn: "Death Was Arrested"

Oh, Your grace, so free, wash-es o - ver me You have
made me new now life be-gins with You it's Your end-less love, pour-ing
down on us, You have made me new now life be-gins with You!

*1. Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began*

*2. Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began
Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began*

Bridge

*Oh we're free free forever we're free. Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen, when death was arrested and my life began*

Communion Hymn: "O Beauty Ever Ancient"

Verses

Oh late have I loved You, oh late have I turned, turned from
My un-love-li-ness I ran from, turned to seek You in all things, Things You
This cre-a-ted world is glo-rious, yet I could not see with-in, See your
I had wan-dered far, per-ceiv-ing that I walked my road a-lone. Yet You
In Your love-li-ness You made me in Your God-ly im-age true, by You
seek-ing You in crea-tures flee-ing greif and pain with-in. Oh,
fash-ioned as a path-way, yet I lost my-self in them.
love-li-ness be-hind all, find the Giv-er in the gift.
called, You shone, You sum-moned and You drew my spi-rit home.
grace you have re-newed me, let me live my life in You!

Refrain

Beau-ty ev-er anc-ient oh Beau-ty ev-er new, You the mir-ror of my
life re-newed, let me find my life in You.

