The Peace
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People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist
The Offering
Celebrant I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

The Great Thanksgiving
The people remain standing.
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Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

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The Homily
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022
8:00 am
St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church
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HOLY EUCHARIST – Rite I

Opening Acclamation

The Peace

The Collect of the Day

The Blessing

Dismissal

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
glory to you, lord christ. 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

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 paths 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 overflows.

surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and i shall dwell in the house of the lord for ever.

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 light shines 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.

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the gospel

john 9:1-41

as he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. his disciples asked him, "rabbì, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" jesus answered, "neither this man nor his parents sinned but that this work 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, "go, wash in the pool of siloam" (which means sent). then he went and was 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, "but is it 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 came back able to see." 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." 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, 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 hasspoken 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 learn 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 said to him, "do you believe in the son of man?” he answered him, "and who is he? 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 jesus. 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?” they answered him, "if you were blind, you would not have sin. but now that you say, 'we see,' your sin remains.”

cabinet: the gospel of the lord.

people: praise be to thee, o christ.

the sermon

mr. peter doddemma, seminarian

the nicene creed

we believe in one god, the father, 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 being with the father. through him all things were made.

for us and 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 worshiped and glorified. he has broken through the pry. this is our faith.

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.

prayers for the season of lent

leader: sons and daughters of god, sisters and brothers in christ, let us pray.

leader: god of luminous glory, lift us to voices on behalf of the world you have made. your creation is threatened by human greed and cruel disregard. give us knowledge and wisdom, compassion and courage. help us to reverence and preserve this magnificent earth and all of your creatures. gracious creator, hear our prayers and work through us to restore your world.

(second)

leader: benevolent governor, we pray for communities and nations devastated by poverty, tyranny, and war. we would, enslave, and destroy one another. have mercy on us. draw us ever more deeply into your love, that we may establish peace and equity for all. leader of the world, hear our prayers and save us from ourselves.

(second)

leader: stedfast deliverer, we plead for your church. we are divided, many of your people are persecuted; we have been silent and complacent, unresponsive to your gospel. grant us new faith and vision, integrity and passion. unite us in truth and inspire us with your love. merciful redeemer, hear our prayers and renew your church.

(second)

leader: blessed savior, we cry out to you for people who are injured, sick, and suffering; for the victims of storms and other natural disasters; for the people of japan. increase our knowledge, wisdom, and compassion. help the entire human family respond quickly and graciously when any of our members are in crisis; help us provide comfort and relief to our sisters and brothers who are in anguish. lamb of god, hear our prayers and heal your people.

(second)

leader: sovereign of heaven and earth, we give thanks for the people we love who have died, and pray for those who will pass this week into paradise. deliver us from foolish fears and anxieties. confort our faith in your promises. god of hope and salvation, help us bear the cross with dignity, and proclaim the gospel with confidence.

(second)

leader: bread of heaven, cup of salvation, we pray for one another. we stumble and fall. we wonder and fail. help us become the people you want us to be – fill us with faith, hope, and love; generosity, peace, and joy. blessed jesus, infuse us with your spirit, and direct us in your service.

(second)

leader: god of providence, host of heaven, we do not deserve the blessings you bestow so generously and abundantly. give us grateful hearts, we pray, and make us faithful stewards of all you gifts, that your love may be known throughout the world, and your praises sung by all creation, now and for ever. gracious and compassionate savior, we praise you, we thank you, and we offer ourselves to you. amen.