Trinity Episcopal Church
Solebury, Pennsylvania

9:30 a.m.  

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  

April 3, 2011

The organ voluntary is a veil drawn reverently between the cares of the week and the time of worship where all are welcome to experience the presence of God with the people of God. Please save conversation for the coffee hour.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Voluntary  

Chorale Prelude on "Old 113th"  

Helmut Walcha

Processional Hymn 493  

O for a thousand tongues to sing  

Azmon

Priest  

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People  

His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

All:  Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; 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.

Kyrie S-86

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 for ever. Amen.

All sit.

The Lessons  A period of silence will follow each reading.

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.

`Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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."

Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 490    I want to walk as a child of the light          Houston


All stand

Priest    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so 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 opened his eyes. There was a division among the Pharisees. They questioned the man a second time. He told them that they man who opened his eyes was a prophet. But they called him a sinner, and accused the man who was blind of being his disciple.

And 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, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Priest  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sit.

Sermon  The Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay

All stand.

The Nicene Creed  BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV  BCP p. 388

Prayer for Rector Search
Celebrant and All: Almighty God, giver of every good gift, be present with us as we search for our next rector. Help us and the candidates to discern the future you desire for us. May your grace and guidance bring us to the one who will hear your call to lead, inspire and care for your people of Trinity Church. We ask for your love to lead us, your counsel to guide us, and your presence to cheer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Peace

Announcements Those who wish to make an announcement, please stand beside the piano during the peace, step to the microphone in order, state your name and make announcement clearly and briefly.

Holy Communion

Offertory anthem My shepherd will supply my need Virgil Thomson

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord Sanctus

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Today, prayers for healing are offered accompanied by the laying-on-of-hands and anointing with oil. If you wish to have healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone else – make your way to the healing station after you have received Holy Communion.

Communion Anthem I heard the voice of Jesus say The Third Tune

Communion hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness Schmucke dich

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Blessing

Post Communion Hymn 429 I'll praise my Maker while I've breath Old 113th

Dismissal

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Old 113th" Johann Pachelbel

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