

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
 MARCH 19, 2023 - 8:00 AM
 HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

*The Order of Worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
 At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.*

Opening Acclamation		BCP 319
The Confession		BCP 320
The Kyrie		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 167
The First Lesson	<i>Please be seated.</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13a</i>
	<i>The Lessons are printed on the next page.</i>	
Psalm 23 (KJV)	<i>The Psalm is read together.</i>	BCP 476
The Second Lesson		<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	<i>John 9:1-41</i>
The Sermon	<i>Please be seated.</i>	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Nicene Creed	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	<i>During the Prayers and Confession, please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	BCP 328
The Peace	<i>The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 332
The Offertory	<i>At the Presentation of the gifts:</i>	
	<i>Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.</i>	
	<i>People: And of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II		BCP 340
	<i>Please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Communion of the Faithful	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available on request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 339
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Dismissal		BCP 340

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13a

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.

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

THE 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."

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THE GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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We pray for Meta Barrow, Monte Bennett, Jim Bernieri, Anne Blackmore, Gwendolyn and Sami Cohen, Ronnie Cox, Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Andy Dill, Josh Dove, Doug Francisco, Thomas Grogan, Barbara Hickey, Ray and Linda Hickey, Marty Hipp, Velma Johnson, Katherine Lind, Ott Menzen, Steve Mezier, Harold Myers, Sue Osborn, Don Parsley, Teresa Rogan, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Ben Shackelford, Shanna Shuler, Lincoln Stahl, Paula Szczuka, Ron Truitt, Janet Vines, Sylvia Williamson, Phylcia Wittcock, Leslie Woods, Alex, Andrea, Donna, Phyllis, and Sarah.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's School and Saint Andrew's School, and St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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Church Calendar for the week of March 19, 2023

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Tuesday, Mar 21

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Journey of the Heart Lenten Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Saint Anne's Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

Wednesday, Mar 22

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM

Thursday, Mar 23

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—6:00 PM

Down the Rabbit Hole Study Group—6:30 PM

Saturday, Mar 25

Quiet Morning with Fr. Russ—9:00 AM

Sunday, Mar 26 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website & Facebook Page

Fellowship—*immediately following the 9:30 service*

Children's Sunday School—10:45 AM to 11:15 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM