

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

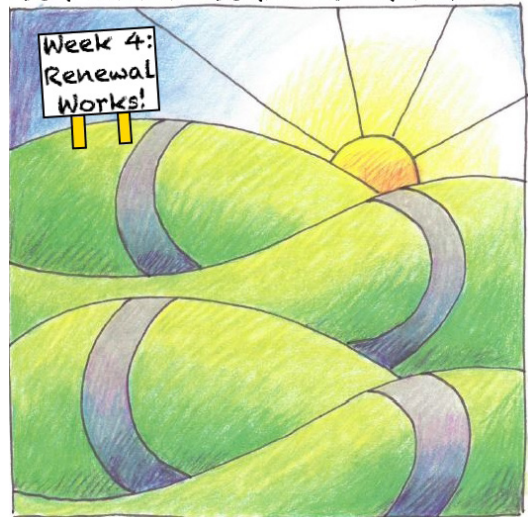
March 31, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

Renewal Works!

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY OF RENEWAL



Episcopal Church of the
GOOD SHEPHERD



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Pastor, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

Hymn numbers listed in the bulletin are referencing *The Hymnal 1982*, found in the pew rack.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings. The **restrooms** are also there.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Bells of Hope

Road to Jerusalem

W. Gross

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

GATHERING HYMN

Not Here for High and Holy Things

49, vs. 1,4,6

***Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth, the purple pageantry
of dawning and of dying days, the splendor of the sea.***

***Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.***

***To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
- C** **His mercy endures for ever.**

GATHERING PRAYER

- P** We pray together for the renewal of our lives as the Holy Spirit works in, with, and among us this Lenten season.
- All** **Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.**

THEME HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- ☞ The Lord be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**
- ☞ Let us pray... Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:24–25,31–34 • Psalm 32:1–9 • Galatians 5:13–14,16–17,22–25

• Matthew 13:31–33,44–52

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

℣ *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 31...*

Those who live in Judah and its towns will dwell together with farmers and shepherds. I will strengthen the weary and renew those who are weak.

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

℣ The Word of the Lord

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *[sing to the tune: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee]*

[Please remain seated.]

***Happy are those whose sins are purged, Whose misdeeds all are put away!
To whom the Lord imputes no guilt, And in whose life no guile holds sway!***

***I held my tongue, my bones were dry, I groaned all day and could not eat;
Your hand weighed on me day and night; I gasped as in the summer heat.***

***Then I acknowledged all my sin And did not hide my guilt from you;
I said, "I will confess my faults," And you forgave my sin anew.***

***Therefore the faithful pray to you; They shall be safe though floods abound.
You keep me safe, my hiding place, With shouts of freedom wall me 'round.***

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Galatians, chapter 5...*

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself.*

I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Open Your Ears

[Please stand.]

***Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.***

Refrain: ***God has spoken to his people, bless his holy Name!
And his words are words of wisdom, burning like a flame.***

***They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.*** Refrain

The Gospel:

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☩ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

℣ Jesus told another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. It's the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough."

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat

down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. That's the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people, and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

They said to him, "Yes."

Then he said to them, "Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest."

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

New Every Morning [Tune: *Awake, My Soul*]

[Please stand.]

***New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.***

***If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.***

***Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.***

***The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny our selves; a road to bring us daily nearer God.***

THE NICENE CREED

Ⓐ **We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for 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 spoken through the Prophets. 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 OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]

- Ⓓ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

- Ⓔ We pray for all who call you Lord. Renew our spirits that we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially... *read names from notebook*]. Give us ears to hear those who cry out to you.
- Ⓖ **Renew us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.**

- Ⓔ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.
- Ⓖ **Renew us so that we love and serve others as Christ loves and serves us.**

- Ⓔ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.
- Ⓖ **Renew us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.**

- Ⓔ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life [*read items from notebook*]. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.
- Ⓖ **Renew us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**

- Ⓔ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially... *read names from notebook*.] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- Ⓖ **Renew us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**

- Ⓔ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- Ⓖ **Renew us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

[Please stand or kneel.]

- Ⓓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *[Silence is kept.]* Have mercy upon us,...
- Ⓐ **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Please be seated.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- Ⓓ We meet in Christ's name.
- Ⓒ **Let us share his peace.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness.

OFFERTORY

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

J. Hilton

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- Ⓓ Blessed are you, O God, maker of all, including these gifts representing our selves, our time, and our possessions. Grant that we may use what has been gathered here to be a blessing to your world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

- Ⓐ **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

***The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer A [Book of Common Prayer]

- Ⓓ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**
- Ⓓ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**

℘ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

℘ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacrament, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

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☩ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose]

℘ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

AD We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

P All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

G **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

AD **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

G **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Nothing Can Trouble

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

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Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek



God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing



can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☐ Let us pray...

☐ **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☐ God give you open ears that the Word may revive you; an open mind that the Spirit may refresh you, and an open heart that Love may renew you, and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

☐ **Amen.**

***Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.***

***High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.***

THE DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso, Sonata II

Mendelssohn

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte	Vic Howarth
Chalicians	Joe Nixon
	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Isabelle Schueler
	Jerry Mullinax
Prayers	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Prayer Team	Day Mosquera and Carey Cherivtch
Greeters	Steve Maisel
	Caroline Maisel
Ushers	Gloria Smith
	Dan Smith
Sunday School	Carey Cherivtch
Nursery	Dayana Mosquera
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