

## TODAY'S LESSONS: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### 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.**

### I Samuel 16:1-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 23

- 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 paths 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.

### Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader A reading from St. Paul to the Ephesians.

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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### Today's Readers:

Lessons: Eliza Barger

Prayers: Pat Snyder

## John 9:1-41

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

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 to you, Lord Christ.*

## TODAY'S MUSIC

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 23

David Ashley White

Tess Dowgiallo, recorder

Communion Music

Excerpt from Vivaldi concerto in g minor

Recorder Trio: Diana Brehob, Tess Dowgiallo, and Manuela Blankinship

Closing Hymn

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Hymn #663

## **Please pray for**

**Those in need of healing:** Jane (Rose), Connie (Johnson), William (Schulenberg), Cole (Young), Stephanie (Robinson), Pat (Snyder), the Collins Family, Bob (Chapman), Shirley (Haas), Jen (Jewkes), Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Hardy (Shelton III), Jacey (Ciernak), Abbie B., the Kirton-Burbank family, the Rodemeyer family, Paula (Gray-Roberston), Leola, Fran (Moir), Louise (LeBeau), Greg (Haas), Cindy (Graham), Marie (Stanyar), Jill (Poske), and Ron (Juergens).

**For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan:** Christ Church (Pleasant Lake) and Church of the Resurrection (Ecorse).

**For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic:** Jesus the Pilgrim (Barahona).

## **Pastoral Care**

In case of illness, a death in the family, home Communion visits, or other pastoral needs, please contact the church office at **313-565-8450** or [office@christchurchdearborn.org](mailto:office@christchurchdearborn.org) Fr. Halim will follow up as soon as possible.



# **Holy Week & Easter**

**Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing**  
April 2, 8pm

**Joint service with Mother of the Savior**

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**Good Friday Service**  
April 3, 6pm

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**The Great Vigil**  
April 4, 8pm

**Joint service with Mother of the Savior**  
followed by a Festive Coffee hour

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**Easter Day Festive Eucharist**  
April 5, 10am

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# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 8 &amp; 10am CECOD HE 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal Noon MotS HE 1pm MotS Coffee Hour 2pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>2 7pm Scout Committee</p>	<p>3 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>4 1pm Bridge 5:30pm Eucharist 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm ACOA 7pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>5 11:30am AA 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>6 5:30pm Biab Packing 7pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>7 9:30am LWV Board 10am Arabic School 1pm AA 5pm MotS Youth</p>
<p>8 8 &amp; 10am CECOD HE 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal Noon MotS HE 1pm MotS Coffee Hour 2pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>9 7pm Listening Group</p>	<p>10 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>11 1pm Bridge 5:30pm Eucharist 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm ACOA 7pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>12 10am Diocesan Priests 11:30am AA 6:30pm AA 6:30pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>13 5:30pm Biab Packing 7pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>14 10am Arabic School 10:30am Stretching 1pm AA 5pm MotS Youth</p>
<p>15 8 &amp; 10am CECOD HE 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal Noon MotS HE 1pm MotS Coffee Hour 2pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>16 1pm Virginia Ebling Memorial</p>	<p>17 2pm Garden/Property Mtg 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>18 1pm Bridge 5:30pm Eucharist 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm ACOA 7pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>19 11:30am AA 6:30pm AA 7pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20 5:30pm Biab Packing 7pm Stations of the Cross 8pm MotS Family Night</p>	<p>21 10am Arabic School 1pm AA 5pm MotS Youth</p>
<p>22 8 &amp; 10am CECOD HE 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal Noon MotS HE 1pm MotS Coffee Hour 2pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6pm LWV Adv. Planning 7pm Scouts</p>	<p>25 1pm Bridge 5:30pm Eucharist 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm ACOA 7pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>26 11:30am AA 6:30pm AA 6:30pm Martial Arts 7pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>27 5:30pm Biab Packing 7pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>28 10am Arabic School 10:30am Stretching 1pm AA 5pm MotS Youth</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday 8 &amp; 10am CECOD HE 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Choir Rehearsal Noon MotS HE 1pm MotS Coffee Hour 2pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>30 7pm MotS Evening Prayer</p>	<p>31 7pm Scouts 7pm MotS Evening Prayer</p>				<p>Sommeman Studio Tuesday/Thursday 3-8pm Saturday 10am-2pm</p>