

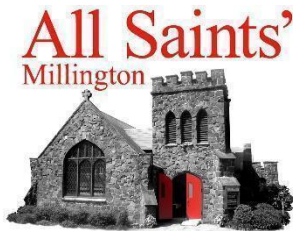


## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
March 19, 2023, 10am

We are glad that you are here to worship with us today.  
Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation.

Let us know more about you by signing the  
guest book near the front door. We welcome you to be  
part of our programs & community life.



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*The service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer. At this service, and throughout Lent, we will not use the acclamation "Alleluia."*

## THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Processional Hymn 429</b> , <i>I'll praise my Maker while I've breath</i>	OLD 113 <sup>TH</sup>
Penitential Order	BCP, p. 319
The Lenten Acclamation	
The Decalogue	BCP, p. 317
The Summary of the Law	
The Confession of Sin and Absolution	BCP, p. 320
<b>Kyrie</b>	<i>see Service Music pew card</i> John Merbecke

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

**The First Lesson:** A Reading from the First Book of Samuel. 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.

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

### **Psalm 23**

*read antiphonally by whole verse*

- 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 pathways 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.

## **The Second Lesson:**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

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.”

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

**Sequence Hymn 567**, *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old*

ST. MATTHEW

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

JOHN 9:1-41

**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."

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

The Sermon	Sister Monica Clare
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP, p. 329
The Peace	

*Welcome and Announcements*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	<i>Brother James' Air</i> <i>All Saints' Choir</i>	Gordon Jacob
<b>Presentation Hymn</b>	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II		BCP, p. 340
<b>Sursum Corda</b>	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	
<b>The Great Amen</b>	<i>see Service Music pew card</i>	
The Lord's Prayer		BCP, p. 336

### The Breaking of the Bread

**Agnus Dei** *see Service Music pew card*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion which will be offered as both bread and wine. But if you receive only the bread or the wine, all the spiritual benefits of the Sacrament are fully conveyed. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the Communion station. If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know.*

*Healing Prayer for yourself or someone else is available today at the baptismal font during Communion.*

**Communion Hymn 339**, *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

SCHMÜCKE DICH

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 339

Solemn Prayer Over the People

**Recessional Hymn 690**, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

The Dismissal

*The response is* **Thanks be to God.**

*Following the service, please join us for refreshments upstairs  
in the Parish House (the building next to the parking lot).*

### **Our Ministers Today**

**Ushers:** Roger Mederos, Dave Pagliaro

**Lector:** Jim Howard

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Sister Monica Clare, Tom Hackett

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Bousquet, Heather Ingram

*Join us for the Simnel Cake Bake-Off  
in the Parish House today!*

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## Parish Announcements

**Mid-Lent Coffee Hour Bake-Off is today! Come try Simnel Cake, the traditional English cake for the Fourth Sunday in Lent** (aka Mid-Lent, Refreshment Sunday, Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday). The congregation will be the judges during coffee hour.

**Narnia & Friends Book Group** - our current book for discussion is *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis. It's a satirical guidebook from a senior devil to his nephew on how to tempt his human "client" away from faith in God. We meet at 4pm on Zoom. If you are interested in being part of the group, send an email to Mother Vicki at [allsaints\\_rector@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaints_rector@hotmail.com).

**Easter Flowers & Music** - you are invited to contribute to flowers and guest musicians for our worship on Easter Day in memory or honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for God's blessing. Please use the envelopes in your pews and return them in the offering plate or to the Parish Office by April 3. Be sure to include the names of the people you are remembering so we can include them in the bulletin.

**New Sound System Coming to All Saints'** - as was announced at the Annual Meeting, we will be installing a new sound system in the Church. Our current equipment is very old and not terribly reliable. The new system has been designed for us and will be installed by Somerset Media Group. In addition to the right number and placement of speakers and microphones, it will also have the ability to record live music and sound. The system includes an assisted listening feature, both for Bluetooth hearing aids and several headsets/receivers. The funding for this project comes from a donor who wished to remain anonymous - and we are very grateful. The work will begin after Easter.

### Parish Calendar *Week of March 19*

**TODAY** - Narnia & Friends Book Club, 4:00pm on Zoom

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday** - Parish Office Open, 9:30am-5:30pm

**Tuesday** - Vestry Meeting, 7:15pm on Zoom

**Wednesday** - Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom

**Thursday** - Office Angels, 2pm in the Rath House

All Saints' Choir, 7:30pm in Choir Room

**Daily** - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live