

Sunday 19th. March, 2023 11.00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 14 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. (Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 351 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, Blessing children small,
Washing tired feet, And saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, Let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle, Kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, Till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, Quick to work for you.

Margaret Beatrice Cropper (1886-1980)

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymn 555 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

1 Amazing grace!-how sweet the sound-
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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St. John 9:1-41

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.**

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 352 O for a thousand tongues, to sing (vv. 1, 2,5,6)

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
You blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)