

Lent 4
15 March 2026
8 am Holy Eucharist

*The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying seasonal booklet. The Congregation joins in the **bold font**.*

Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: Holy God,
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.
Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion.
Amen.

The Epistle: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Reader: The Epistle is taken from the Letter to the Ephesians,

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Here endeth the Epistle.

Gradual Psalm: 23 *Dominus regit me.*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; /
therefore can I lack nothing.

² He shall feed me in a green pasture, /
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

³ He shall restore my soul, /
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; /
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

⁵ Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the
presence of them that trouble me; /
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life; /
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

Presider: The Lord be with you,

All: and with thy Spirit.

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

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³ Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me^[b] while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶ 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, ⁷ saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and

beg?’⁹ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’¹¹ 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.’¹² They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ 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.’¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.’

¹⁸ 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 ¹⁹ and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’²⁰ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ 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.’²² 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. ²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

²⁴ 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.’²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’²⁶ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’²⁷ 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?’²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’³⁴ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ ³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ ³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’ ⁴¹ 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 Christ.

All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Readings for Lent 5, March 22, 2026

Ezekiel 17:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-43



This Week at HTC

Wednesday March 18

9:30-10 am Midweek Eucharist (Cathedral and Facebook Live)*

10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

Thursday March 19

5:30-6 pm Vespers (on Zoom- link in newsletter)

Saturday March 21

11.00 am-noon HTC Community Brunch (Parish Hall)

Sunday March 22

8-9 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)*

10-11:15 am Choral Eucharist Cathedral & Facebook Live)*

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