



the Church  
of St Peter and  
St Simon-the-Apostle

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Morning Prayer begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

**Hymn 201** *People Draw Near to God*

SURSUM CORDA

**Opening Sentences** – BCP p. 1

*Officiant* The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms 51.17*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2.13*

**Invitation to Confession** – BCP p. 4

**General Confession** – BCP pp. 4-5

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All* **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution is Pronounced*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*All* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*All* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

## Venite



The goodness of God leadeth ' to re'pentance : O ' Come ' let us ' worship.

O come, let us ' sing unto · the ' Lord: /

let us heartily rejoice in the ' strength of ' our sal'vation.

Let us come before his ' presence with ' thanksgiving /

and show ourselves ' glad in ' him with ' psalms.

For the Lord is a ' great ' God / and a great ' King a·bove ' all ' gods.

In his hand are all the ' corners · of the ' earth /

and the ' strength of · the ' hills is · his ' also.

The sea is ' his and · he ' made it / and his ' hands pre'pared the · dry ' land.

O come, let us worship and ' fall ' down / and ' kneel be·fore the ' Lord, our ' Maker.

For he is the ' Lord our ' God /

and we are the people of his pasture, ' and the ' sheep of · his ' hand.

Today, O that ye would ' hear his ' voice: /

'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temp ' tation ' in the ' wilderness;

When your fathers ' tempted ' me, / proved ' me, and ' saw my ' works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that gene ' ration, and ' said, /

"It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they ' have not ' known my ' ways";

Unto whom I ' swear · in my ' wrath, /

that they should not ' enter ' into my ' rest.'

Glory be to the Father and to ' the Son, /and to the Holy Ghost.

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**First Lesson** *1 Samuel 16.1-13*

*Reader* The first lesson is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 519** *The Lord's My Shepherd*

CRIMOND

**Te Deum Laudamus**

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
 To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;  
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
 The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;  
 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;  
 The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;  
 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
 The Father, of an infinite Majesty;  
 Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven  
 to all believers.  
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious  
 blood.  
 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
 Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
 Day by day we magnify thee;  
 And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.  
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

## **Second Lesson** *John 9.1-41*

*Reader* The second lesson is written in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel According to St John, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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 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?’ 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 worshipped him. 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.’ 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Benedictus** *Sung by all. Please stand.*

Havergal



Blessed be the Lord ' God of ' Israel; /  
 for he hath visited, ' and re ' deemed his ' people;  
 and hath raised up a mighty sal ' vation ' for us, /  
 in the ' house of · his ' servant ' David;  
 as he spake by the mouth of his ' holy ' Prophets, /

which have been ' since the ' world be ' gan;  
 that we should be ' saved from · our ' enemies, /  
 and from the ' hands of ' all that ' hate us;  
 to perform the mercy promised ' to our ' forefathers, /  
 and to re ' member ' his ' holy covenant;  
 to perform the oath which he sware to our ' fore-father ' Abraham, /  
 that ' he would ' grant ' us  
 that we being delivered out of the ' hands of · our ' enemies /  
 might ' serve him · with ' out ' fear,  
 in holiness and ' righteousness be ' fore him, /  
 all the ' days of ' our ' life.  
 And thou, child, shalt be called the ' Prophet · of the ' Highest: /  
 for thou shalt go before the face of the ' Lord · to pre ' pare his ' ways;  
 to give knowledge of salvation ' unto his ' people /  
 for the re ' mission ' of their ' sins;  
 through the tender mercy ' of our ' God; /  
 whereby the day-spring ' from on ' high hath ' visited us;  
 to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the ' shadow of ' death, /  
 and to guide our feet ' into the ' way of ' peace.  
 Glory be...

### **The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11**

*Officiant* I believe in God

*All* **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father

*All* **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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*All* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save the Queen;

*All* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*All* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;

*All* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*All* **And evermore mightily defend us.**

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*All* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## The Collects

*Officiant* Almighty God, through the waters of baptism thy Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and who forth thy glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all

our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Choir** The Lord is my Shepherd

## Prayers

### General Thanksgiving – *BCP* pp. 13-14

*Officiant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### Prayer of St Chrysostom

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

### The Grace

*All* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Hymn 560** *God Whose Almighty Word*

MOSCOW

**Postlude**



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