

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

*Morning Prayer*



**Participants in Today's Service**

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Officiant/Rector*

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The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*

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## Opening Hymn #343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

*Officiant* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8, 9)

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
Amen.

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

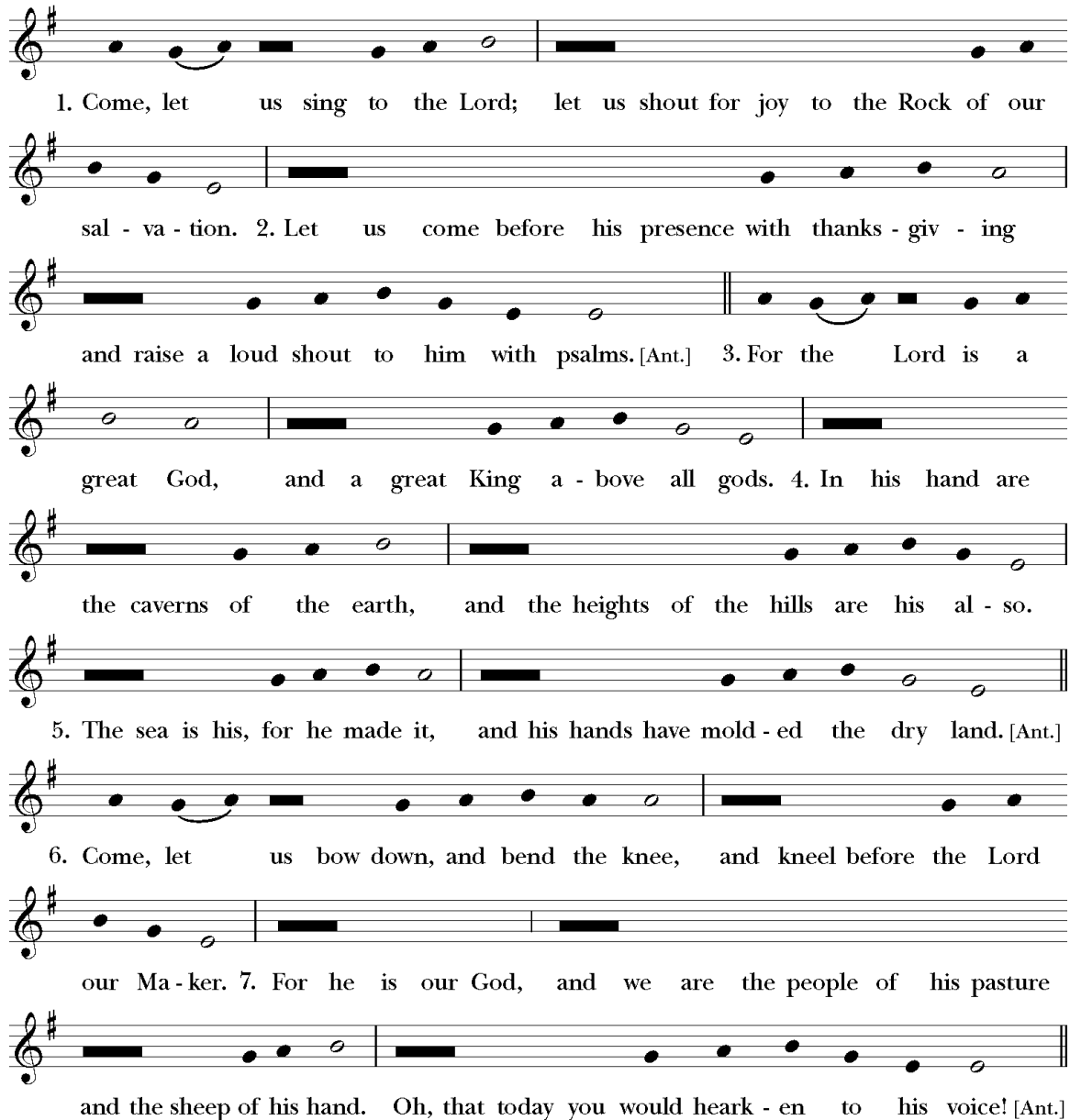
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.**

## Venite *(all sing)*



1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our  
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. [Ant.] 3. For the Lord is a  
great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are  
the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.  
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. [Ant.]  
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord  
our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice! [Ant.]

### *Read Together*

**All:** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

## Psalm 23 *(all say together)*

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.

*(standing)*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

Ephesians 5:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* Thanks be to God.

## CANTICLE 9



Sure - ly it is God\_ who saves me; trust - ing God, I shall\_ not  
Make God's deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out God's ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and God's sav - ing help\_ is near. So re  
name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all our works God's might pro claim. Zi - on,  
joice as you\_ draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the  
lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come\_ to dwell, in your  
day of your de - liv - erance thank\_ the Lord, God's mer - cies sing.  
ve - ry midst, the great and ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

## The Second Lesson

John 9:1-41

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."

## Homily

The Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Rector*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



*The following anthem is sung by the choir*

**Anthem**

The Lord is My Shepherd  
(Text adapted from Psalm 23)

*Will Todd*

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures leads me beside still waters.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.  
For when I go through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil for you are with me.  
Your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You are my Shepherd!  
Surely your goodness and love in mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## **The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*The People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, 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 those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Minister leads the Suffrages, the people respond (bold)*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*A Minister then says the following Collects*

*The 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.**

*A Collect for Commerce and Industry*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Sick*

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in *their* weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A moment of silence for prayers and thanksgivings*

*The General Thanksgiving* *Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our  
lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.     *All Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant concludes*

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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,  
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,  
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed  
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the  
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be  
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er  
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed  
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.