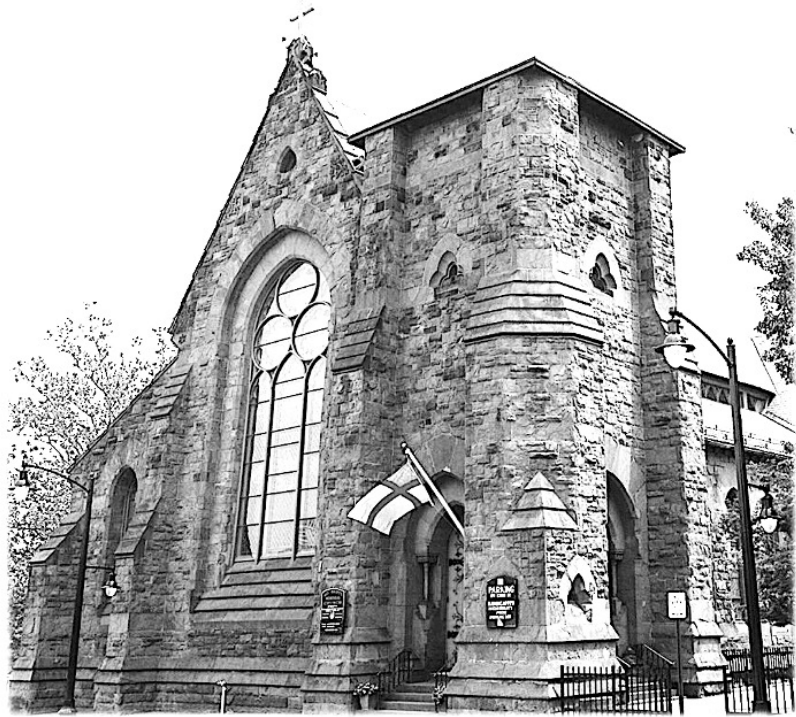


ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

Prelude *He Shall Feed His Flock* (from *Messiah*) **G.F. Handel**

Erin and David Moniz, soloists

Processional *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* **Hymnal # 7**

Acclamation and Penitential Order **BCP, p. 351**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People **His mercy endures forever.**

If we say that 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.

Confession and Absolution **BCP, p. 352**

Kyrie **#S-96**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect

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.*

The First Reading **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 **BCP p. 612-13**

The Second Reading **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.*

The Gradual Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* **Hymnal # 490**

The Holy Gospel **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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Julie Hanavan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for the church that everyone participates, and are blessed. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the world find peace and those who lead, lead with kindness first. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord God touch the minds and hearts of the people who make the decisions in our government. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for all those suffering in war and its devastating impact including children. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

For those who struggle with food and housing insecurity. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who are sick and those in any trouble Lord we ask your divine intervention and grant them healing. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for those who have died that they may rest with the saints in light in God’s peace. I pray for the people that have departed family members, and nowhere to have comfort. *Lord, hear our prayer*

I pray for focus on what is most important in life, and wisdom to know the right path. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays this week especially Gigi Fahnbulleh, Chimmy Amaechina, and Gabby Hney. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **Thomas Tallis**
(*The Third Tune*, Hymn #692)

Presentation (Please stand as you are able.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (*see card in your pew*)

Sanctus **Hymnal #S-130**

Memorial Acclamation A

The Lord's Prayer **BCP, p. 364**

Breaking of the Bread *Agnus Dei* **Hymnal #S-164**

The Communion

All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament

Communion Hymn *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness* **Hymnal # 144**
There Is a Balm in Gilead **LEVAS # 203**

Prayer of Thanksgiving **BCP, p. 365**

Prayer Over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional *The King of love, my shepherd is* **Hymnal #646**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Postlude *Pastoral Symphony (Pifa) from Messiah* **George Frideric Handel**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. Food items can be left on the cart as you enter Rose Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Each Sunday the Healing Prayer Ministry is at the side altar during Communion to pray with you.

Vestry Meeting today in the Office

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15: Vestry Meeting, Office

March 18: Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study, Rose Hall

March 22: Lenten Discussion, *Pauses for Lent*, Office

March 29: Palm Sunday, Service begins in Rose Hall