The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020  10:00 a.m.

The Congregation Gathers

Prelude

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Fughetta on the Choral “Now should we be praising Christ”

The Tolling of the Bell  Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #429

1 I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath; and when my voice is lost in
disappearance, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My

2 How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel’s God, who made the
death, praise and shall employ my nobler powers. My

sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
days of praise shall never be past while life and thought and being

truth for ever stands secure, who saves the oppressed, and feeds the

last, or immortality endures. poor. And none shall find his promise vain.
The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant  Blessed the Lord who forgive all our sins.
People     God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie

Wonder, Love & Praise #838

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant  God be with you.
People     And also with you.
Celebrant  Together, let us pray.

Creator and Healer,
root of all goodness,
working your Sabbath will
in the chaos of our life:
teach us the insight
that gives true judgment
and praises you
wherever you are found,
making miracles
from spit and mud;
through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. Amen
The Liturgy of the Word

The First 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.”

Reader
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Procession

The Hymnal 1982 #493

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
1 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a broad the honors of thy Name.

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

Gospeller
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
The people respond
Glory to you, O Christ.

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.”

Gospeller

The Gospel of our Savior.

The people respond

Praise to you, O Christ.
The Gospel Procession

The Hymnal 1982 #493

Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant
God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

Leader
I ask your prayers for the Church, that all who confess God’s Name may be united in truth, live together in love, and reveal God’s glory in the world……

Sung response (all):
“O God hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer, come and listen to me.”

I ask your prayers for the peoples of all the nations, that we may live in justice and peace……

Sung response
In this time of profound division and genuine crisis of national character, we join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in prayer for the soul of America and the integrity of our faith in this nation. I ask your prayers that God will endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government that we may be saved from violence, discord, confusion, pride, and arrogance…

Sung response

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find comfort, healing and hope……

Sung response

I ask your prayers for those who are dying, for those who have died and for those who mourn, that they may experience your compassion and mercy…..

Sung response

Celebrant
Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. Amen.

Lenten Confession

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

As we pass the peace, let us be mindful of the holy space we create when we recognize the blessing of Christ’s peace in each other’s lives.

Celebrant

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements
The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Music. Fr. Timothy Greene (1941-2017)
Jane Spencer Mills, Soprano
Malcolm Gaines, Baritone

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Gathering Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to follow Jesus.
I want to look at Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
The Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and

The star of my life is Jesus.
Show me the way to God's presence.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant  God be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People    We lift them to God.
Celebrant  Let us give thanks to God.
People    It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in your house.

We who by Christ’s power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory.

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel’s release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat, this is my Body; it is broken for you.”

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
May we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, O God of all ages. AMEN.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant & People* Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful God, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same God whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, so to eat the body of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**Invitation to the Table**
Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Community Blessings

Lenten Blessing

May God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of Christ’s glory; and the blessing of God the Creator, God the Word Incarnate and God of Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, now and ever. Amen.
Final Hymn

1 The glory of these forty days
2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the
3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, de-
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full

1 celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah,
3 liv-ered from the lions’ might; and John, the Bride-groom’s
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strength-en

1 things were made, himself has fast-ed and has prayed.
2 fast-ing, came the steeds and char-i-ots of flame.
3 friend, be-came the her-ald of Mes-i-ah’s name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Sortie on the Hymn-tune Resignation (My Shepherd will supply my need)

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SERVING HOLY INNOCENTS TODAY
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The Rev. Anna Marie Hoos, Deacon
Bill Keck, Music Minister
Jane Spencer Mills, Soprano
Malcolm Gaines, Baritone
Miriam Keil, Videographer
Community Announcements

Our Lady of Guadalupe: SERVICES CANCELLED UNTIL THE END OF MARCH
Sundays at 1:30, the bilingual Episcopal congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, worships in the Holy Innocents sanctuary, led by the Rev. Anna Lange-Soto. All are welcome. If Sunday mornings seem too early, then come at 1:30pm!

Wednesday Evening Potluck and Conversation: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Every Wednesday evening, we share a community potluck at 6:30pm, followed by a conversation, 7:15-8pm on varying spiritual and theological topics through the year.

Tuesday Evening Yoga 7-8:15: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Join us in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings for Sacred Yoga! All levels welcomed.

Please help us welcome our guests!
Each Sunday please take a few minutes to look around and see if there are new faces in the congregation. If you see someone you don’t know, please pick up one of the clipboards with visitor cards on it and invite them to fill in a card so that we can send them a welcome note. If they have already done so, or if you find that the person is simply someone you have not yet met, don’t be embarrassed; use this as an opportunity to introduce yourself.

Getting to know us; Getting involved
Please introduce yourself to one of our clergy or other greeters and be sure to fill in a visitor’s card. You are also invited to join our yahoo groups:

* holyinsf: This mailing list is for general communication among the parishioners of Holy Innocents. It is appropriate for discussion, prayer requests, announcement of non-HI activities, and other items of general interest. holyinsf-subscribe@yahoo groups.com
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* follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF
* request our eLetter: jane@holyinsf.org

Hospitality
We have a wonderful tradition of hospitality after the Sunday services at H.I., but this shouldn’t be intimidating! We invite you to sign up for a Sunday either as part of a team, on your own, or with your family on the board by the coffee urn. Providing snacks can be as simple or as elaborate as you feel inclined. If you wish to take a Sunday on your own, that’s lovely, however you can also be part of a team for that day!
For the 10:00 a.m. service at the end of each month, we will continue having hospitality be a potluck for everyone to participate in as they wish. If you want to find out more, please be in touch with either the coordinators: 9am - Eve Fisher at evefisher@gmail.com and at 11, Miriam Keil, mannettekeil@gmail.com
Holy Innocents Prayer List

* to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please call the church office (415-824-5142).

For healing of body, mind, and spirit: Bill, Helen, and Olivia; Naomi (former Holy Innocents member); Judith; Elyse (Judith’s friend); Will (Cynthia’s son); Andrea; Emma; Stephan (Joyce’s friend); Kevin; Nancy (Ron’s wife); Marius (Fabienne’s father); David; Vicky (Doll Polanco); Dominic (Angela’s uncle); Susan; Barry; Gabrielle (Fabienne’s aunt); Helen (Steven’s mother); John (Davey’s father); Jeffrey, Lorene, Jim and Danny (Joyce’s friends); Marilyn (Elizabeth’s mother); Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth’s brother and sister in-law); Laura (Anne’s wife); Diana (Anne’s niece); Robin (Anne’s friend); Sarah (Kevin’s aunt); Christopher (Beth’s friend; Bob (Davey’s uncle); Angela; John (Sam’s friend); John (Anne’s sister-in-law’s father); Kay & Keith (John’s parents); Christopher (Anne & Laura’s friends); Charles (Barrie’s son); Lenora (Mary’s sister-in-law); Betty (Camilla’s sister); Mary (Allison’s mother); Jane Davies; Laura, Julia, Mario’s family (friends of the Romero family), Nadine Gassner (Heidi’s sister-in-law), Darlene (Friend of Judith’s), Leonor, Jimmy, Barrie Broadbent, Kay Logan, The Rev. Armand Kreft, Emmy and family, Bishop Marc, Jean (Seth & Malcolm’s friend), Hotie Gilpin, Sr. Ruth, CSF, Tom Slaiman (George’s brother), Liling and Paul (AnneMarie’s aunt and uncle)

For the departed: Major General Frederic H. Leigh, US, Ret. (Bill’s father); Al Perry (Jess’s father), Mario, Helen Tom, Casimir (Leonor’s nephew), Jennifer Kelley (Susan’s sister-in-law), George Randall Saldivar, Mo Tyma (Bill DeGrado’s mother-in-law), Beverly (longtime neighbor of HI), Semyon Vainshtok, Sam Sydips, Darril Hudson, Marina (Susan’s friend), baby Liam O’Neill and his father Patrick, Bobby Carney (Simon’s father), Mary Quinton & Vin Bronson, Vicky Doll-Polanco, James Flood (father of Christina Kane)

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