

**St. Clement's Church**  
**Holy Eucharist**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, 2011**

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**Organ Prelude**

Two chorale preludes on  
*Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort*  
David Morris, cello

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Processional Hymn 493**

O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

**The Collect for Purity**

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

**The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Kyrie eleison, S-89**

Hans Leo Hassler

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee 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."



## The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce O’Neill

## **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father  
before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten,  
not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth  
from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism  
for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from  
time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed,  
against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution and Comfortable Words

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### The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord..*

### Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide  
them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.  
Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth  
understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Anniversary Prayer

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is  
represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church;  
look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish  
each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and  
true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth  
with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*O Lord Look Down from Heaven*  
Adult Choir

Jonathan Battishill  
Isaiah 63:15

O Lord, look down from heaven,  
and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory:  
Where is thy zeal and thy strength, thy mercies toward me: are they restrained?

**Presentation Hymn**

With gratitude and humble trust

*Kingsfold***The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* And with thy spirit.*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*People* It is meet and right so to do.*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus, S-117**

Hans Leo Hassler

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God...

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By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* AMEN.*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us we are bold to say,**The Lord's Prayer***People and Celebrant*

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.

**The Breaking of the Bread***Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.**Agnus Dei, S-160***Anaphora Chant*

**Prayer of Humble Access***Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*At St. Clement's all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion.*

**Communion Hymn 160**

Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow

*Cross of Jesus***Ablutions Anthem**

*Save Me O Lord*  
 Adult Choir

William Boyce  
 Psalm 54:1-3

Save me, O God, for thy name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength.  
 Hear my prayer, O God, and hearken to the words of my mouth.  
 For strangers are risen up against me:  
 and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

**Postcommunion Prayer***People and Celebrant*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost feed us,  
 in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor  
 and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate  
 in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;  
 and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
 And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,  
 that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works  
 as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,  
 with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Blessing****Recessional Hymn 145**

Now quit your care and anxious fear

*Quittez, Pasteurs***Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude**

Chorale prelude on  
*O Mensch beweine dein Sünde groß*  
 David Morris, cello

Johann Sebastian Bach