



Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 19th 2023

*Please stand
As you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Variations on the Doxology* arr. S. Tucker
The Christ Church Ringers

*Call to Worship:

One: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place

All: Let us rejoice and celebrate!

***Hymn of Praise** *57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you are the one speaking to us, reaching into the mud and muck of our lives to give us vision. You set the feast, invite us to the table, and anoint us so that goodness and mercy follow us always. You restore our lives, and we give you Glory, Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23 UMH 754

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
Leads me beside still waters,

Restores my life,
Leads me in right paths
for the sake of the Lord's name.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I live.

Music of Preparation *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. L Larson

The Christ Church Ringers

Scripture Lesson Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon On the Road with God

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon:

O God of signs and wonders, miracles and mighty deeds, your healing and comfort reaches into the messiness of our lives reminding us of your eternal presence. We confess that while you are a God of inclusion and healing, we are often a people of exclusion and brokenness. Send us your anointing and fresh insight for spiritual awakenings, and grant us your vision so that we might truly see your work, your people, your world, and

participate as your Son Christ calls us to participate, in the healing of all things. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: God walked upon this earth sharing our human life in Jesus Christ,

All: God has conquered sin and death forgiving us all through Love and Grace

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, amen!

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen**

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation Offering

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* arr. Dick Anthony
Grant Lange, trumpet

***Doxology #64** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,

in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Offertory Prayer

***Sending Hymn 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See**
OPEN MY EYES

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

***Benediction**

**Go forth in peace, seeking the signs and wonders of God's love,
the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

Postlude *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*
 arr. Howard Helvey
 Grant Lange, trumpet

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“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Words: Clara H. Scott, 1895

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826

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