

# *Brandywine Collaborative Ministries*



*March 22, 2020  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Holy Eucharist*

**WELCOME TO  
THE BRANDYWINE COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES (BCM)**

We extend to you our warmest welcome and rejoice in your presence in  
worship with us today.

To participate fully in the service, the liturgy is found in this bulletin.

Brandywine Collaborative Ministries (BCM) consists of three parishes  
Calvary Episcopal Church (Hillcrest) along with Church of the Ascension  
(Claymont) and Grace Episcopal Church (Wilmington).

As partners in God's mission to the world, our three congregations have entered  
into a covenant in view of collaborating in ministry for the benefit of the  
Brandywine Hundred and beyond. The BCM website provides more information  
about our creative model of ministry.

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Service Texts: *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP)  
*The New Revised Standard Version Bible* (NRSV)

## WELCOME

## OPENING MUSIC

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE TWO BCP pg. 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* ***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.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.  
*People* ***Christe eleison.***  
*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you  
*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

*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 READINGS**

### **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:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 23—BCP pg. 613** *To be read in unison*

- 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.***

## THE GOSPEL

### John 9:1-41

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People:* ***Glory to you, Lord 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.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED BCP pg. 358

***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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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  
FORM 1 BCP pg. 383**

*Leader* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

*Leader* For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael and for our Bishop, Kevin and for all Clergy. We pray for the church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Christian Council and the Diocese of Kjo Kegi (South Sudan) and the members of our BCM congregations.  
Let us pray to the Lord

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For this city for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those affected by COVID –19 let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we remember especially John, Sherry and Edward and those we now name (pause), let us pray to the Lord

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord..

*People* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*Leader* In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

I appeal to your brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **Eucharist Prayer A BCP pg. 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:**        *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All                    Christ has died.  
                          Christ is risen.  
                          Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORDS PRAYER BCP pg. 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*                    ***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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Silence is kept*

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

### **THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Book of Common Prayer makes allowance for the sharing of Communion spiritually when persons who are extremely sick cannot receive the Sacrament physically (BCP, p. 457). At this time when many are unable to be present in person at the celebration of Holy Communion the following personal and shared prayer offers the opportunity to be in spiritual communion with God and one another.*

*The Celebrant invites everyone to say the prayer in unison:*

***Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for being near; for the assurance of your infinite love, your gracious forgiveness and mercy, turn my heart to you O Lord, and help me to trust in you always. Amen. (Written by: Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak)***

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP pg. 365**

*Celebrant* Let us pray  
*People* ***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***

### **CLOSING DOXOLOGY - Hymn 143 v. 5**

***O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.***

### **DISMISSAL**

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



## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, BCM Rector

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