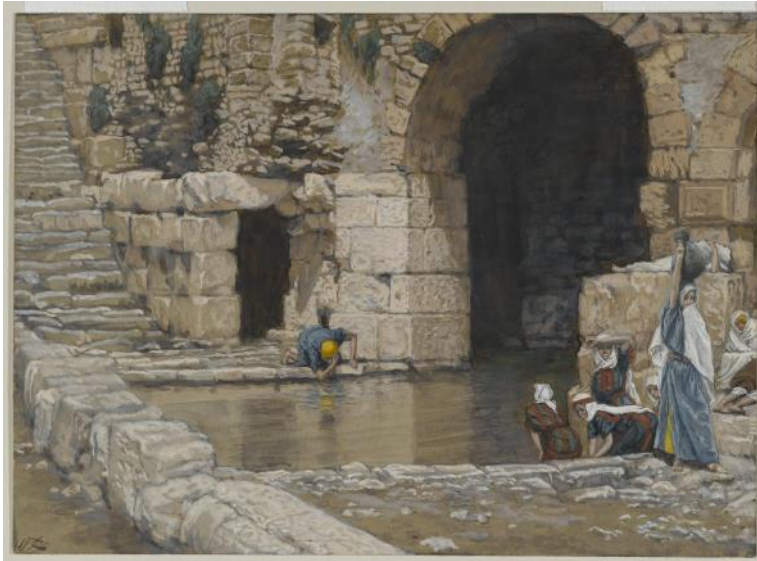


Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



*James Tissot (French, 1836-1902)
The Blind Man Washes in the Pool of Siloam*

If you wish to light a prayer candle, they are located on the right side as you enter the Sanctuary.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach

from cantata 208

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Processional Hymn

Now quit your care

Hymn #145

(standing)

The Salutation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue: Contemporary

(stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: 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.

1 John 1:8,9

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(you may kneel or be seated)

People: 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: **A**lmighty 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.*

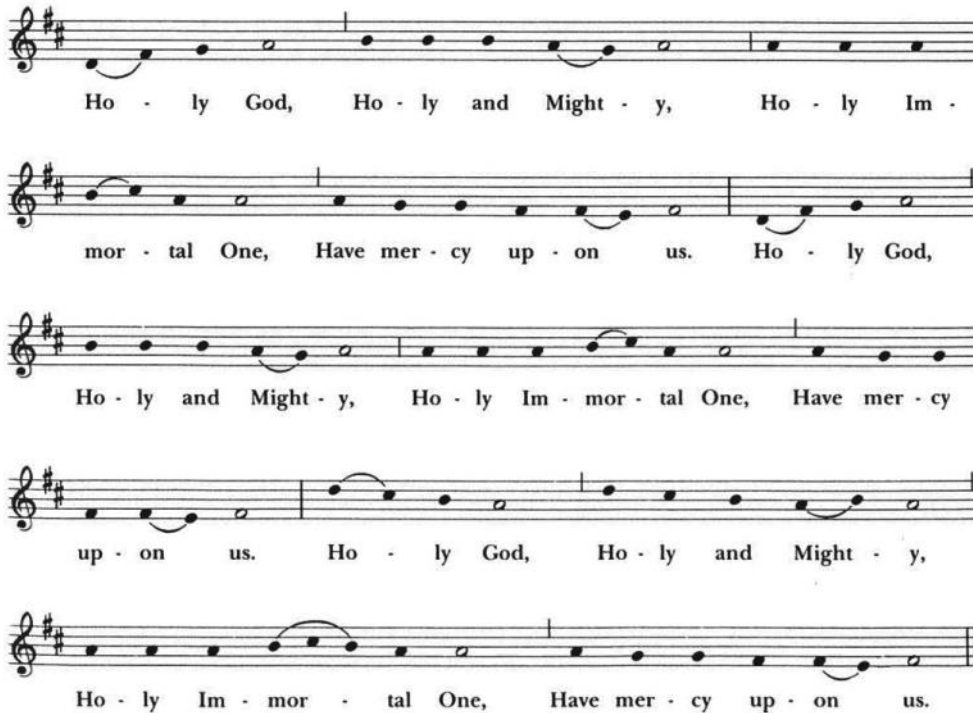
Trisagion *(spoken at 8:00 a.m.)*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

(sung at 10:30 a.m.)

The Holy Eucharist
Holy God *Trisagion*

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
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Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect for 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 Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from First Samuel

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Psalm 23

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.

Epistle

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymn #490

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 9:1-41

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Message

Steven KinCannon, Seminarian

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:
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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph our president and JB our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation, for those who are present, for those who are absent, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Theresa *Sinks* (03/20), Owen *Carter* (03/23), and Gale *Degner* (03/25); that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially the victims of gun violence, Nancy, Ann, Linnea, Patrick, Lee, and Janette; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the people of Ukraine, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Cindy, Molly, Patricia, and Bishop Frank Griswold, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Loving Shepherd

Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921)

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
Loving Savior, thou didst give thine own life that we might live.
Every day I'd praise thee, joyful songs I'd raise thee,
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.*

*Loving Shepherd ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
follow thee more nearby, cherish thee more dearly,
till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.*

(spoken at 8:00 a.m.)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

(sung at 10:30 a.m.)

Offertory Response

Hymn #143
vs. 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.*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.

b Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And al-so with you.

b Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

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

b People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 (*spoken at 8:00 a.m.*)

*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.*

(*sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

The Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(*kneeling or seated*)

Celebrant: **H**oly 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:

*Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: 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.

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei *(spoken at 8:00 a.m.)*

Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(sung at 10:30 a.m.)

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The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

Hymn #144

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

*E*ternal 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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn #493

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

If you but trust in God to guide you

BWV642 J. S. Bach

Wednesdays during Lent

11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist

Lunch and a discussion in the Undercroft with Lenten program "Living Well Through Lent"

Note about the cover:

James Tissot's career spanned three successful periods: his early years in Paris (1859-1870), his business-like decade in London (1871-1882), and his later years in France and the Holy Land (1883-85), depicting fashionable women of Belle Epoque Paris and making research trips for his series of Bible illustrations.

Announcements

Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 11th at 7pm on Zoom. Book group will read "The Humans" by Matt Haig. When an extra-terrestrial visitor arrives on Earth, his first impressions of the human species are less than positive. Taking the form of Professor Andrew Martin, a prominent mathematician at Cambridge University, the visitor is eager to complete the gruesome task assigned him and hurry home to his own utopian planet, where everyone is omniscient and immortal. He is disgusted by the way humans look, what they eat, and their capacity for murder and war, and is equally baffled by the concepts of love and family. But as time goes on, he starts to realize there may be more to this strange species than he had thought.

Emmanuel Guild: The guild is a service and fellowship group of dedicated women who enjoy working together to support the needs of our church and community. The next guild meeting will be Thursday, March 16th at 11:30 a.m. Our main focus will be on the upcoming Ladies Tea Luncheon. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon hosted by guild members. Guest are always welcome to join.

The Annual Ladies' Afternoon Tea: April 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Emmanuel Guild. Tickets are \$15 each. Call 815-218-8240 to reserve tickets. Put on your Sunday best and join us for some English tea and a variety of savory treats, with live entertainment by a local pianist. Hats are encouraged, but not required.

Pastoral Care: If you or someone you know would like a visit from the clergy, please get in touch with the office.

The Dining Out Group will do lunch at Sahara Palace at 11:30 on Thursday, March 23. The Sahara is a small Mediterranean restaurant located at 5890 E Sate St. Call Mary Nielsen for a reservation at 815-654-8995. Hope to see you there.

A delightful, insightful, wacky and heartbreaking play about an unlikely topic. Follow Alice through the looking glass into a world full of sketch comedy and vaudeville, a world that shines an irreverent, but truthful light on mental illness. AET partners with Stepping Stones of Rockford to present *Jumping to Delusions*, which will play Mar. 23-April 2 in the Cheek Theatre featuring choral scholar Emmarie Wilson.

Easter Flowers: Please turn Easter flower donations in by April 2nd.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa
Old Testament: Tamara Ross
Epistle: Jennifer Smith
Prayers of the People: Michael Smith
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson
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