

### ***Prayer for a New Day***

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we may again give thanks unto you. Amen.

*Eastern Orthodox Prayer*



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*"...if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another..."*  
*I John I: 7*

GROOME CHURCH  
March 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Reverend Dr. Willard Crossan III  
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***Fourth Sunday in Lent***

**GATHERING AND CONFESSION**

Parish Calendar and Greeting *Dr. Crossan*

Organ Prelude "Passiontide" *by Esther S. Higgins*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**People: that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.**

\* Hymn of Praise "See the Morning Sun Ascending" 674

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts and minds.

**People: that we may behold wonderful things out of your word.**

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *Mark Lyman*

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 *Connie Shockley*

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-16, 28-34 *Dr. Crossan*

\* Affirmation of Faith "1 Corinthians & Colossians" 888

\* Gloria Patri 71

**PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS AND OFFERING**

Declarations of Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord in your Mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer**

Offertory *Organist/Pianist*

The Presentation Prayer

\* Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

**THE VOICING OF SCRIPTURE**

\* Hymn of Preparation "Let There Be Light" 440

Sermon "On Doing the Lord's Work" *Dr. Crossan*

\* Hymn of Dedication "How Firm a Foundation" 529

\* Benediction

\* Benediction Response "Beautiful Vision of Jesus"

Beautiful vision of Jesus, walking by Galilee

Teaching the love of the father above beside the sea.

\* Postlude "March of the Kings" *by Wm. Stickles*

\* *Please stand*