

The Third Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer Service
March 7, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn “Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a newborn people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All **His mercy endures forever.**

All 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.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Litany of Penitence

The Officiant and People together, all standing, sitting, or kneeling

All Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Officiant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 (said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

All **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Officiant Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

All **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant For the Lord is a great God, *

All **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

All **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant The sea is his, for he made it, *

All **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Officiant Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

All **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

All **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Antiphon

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Psalm 19 *(said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant The heavens are telling the glory of God;
All **and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Officiant Day to day pours forth speech,
All **and night to night declares knowledge.**

Officiant There is no speech, nor are there words;
All **their voice is not heard;**

Officiant Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
All **and their words to the end of the world.**

Officiant In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
All **and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**

Officiant Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
All **and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

Officiant The law of the Lord is perfect,
All **reviving the soul;**

Officiant The decrees of the Lord are sure,
All **making wise the simple;**

Officiant The precepts of the Lord are right,
All **rejoicing the heart;**

Officiant The commandment of the Lord is clear,
All **enlightening the eyes;**

Officiant The fear of the Lord is pure,
All **enduring for ever;**

Officiant The ordinances of the Lord are true
All **and righteous altogether.**

Officiant More to be desired are they than gold,
All **even much fine gold;**

Officiant Sweeter also than honey,
All **and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Officiant Moreover by them is your servant warned;
All **in keeping them there is great reward.**

Officiant But who can detect their errors?
All **clear me from hidden faults.**

Officiant Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
All **do not let them have dominion over me.**

Officiant Then I shall be blameless,
All **and innocent of great transgression.**

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
All **be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

First Reading.....Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 18 *A Song to the Lamb (said responsively by half verse)*

Officiant Splendor and honor and kingly power *

All **are yours by right, O Lord our God,**

Officiant For you created everything that is, *

All **and by your will they were created and have their being;**

Officiant And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *

All **for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**

Officiant From every family, language, people, and nation, *

All **a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

Officiant And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *

All **and to Christ the Lamb,**

Officiant Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *

All **for ever and for evermore.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, ...and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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The Gospel **John 2:13-22**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place! 'His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me. 'The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this? 'Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 'The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days? 'But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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The Sermon Peter Ulisse

Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Suffrages B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
All **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant Day by day we bless you;
All **We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
All **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Run to the Father” Cody Carnes

Collect

Officiant Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

Reader Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Officiant We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Roger, Max, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Merna, Sal, Steve, Maggie, David, and Joanne.

Officiant We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Annie, Irene, Frank Koel, Margaret, Rebecca, Howard, Frances, John, Lewis, Ann, Harriet, Elizabeth, Edmund, Abel, and George.

Officiant I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Officiant prays for all prayer requests.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!

So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.