

The Third Sunday In Lent

March 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Marci Gregg

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Blue Hymnal 474

"When I Survey The Wonderful Cross"

Greeting

Reflections

The Word of God

Opening Hymn (listen in silence)

Blue Hymnal 690

"Guide Me"

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets
are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Christ
our Lord. *Amen*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy

People Christ, have mercy

Celebrant Lord, have mercy

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

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. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson:

On Mount Sinai, Moses receives the Ten Commandments; God provides boundaries for his people to help them to live the good life.

A reading from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17

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. Six days you shall labor 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

Refrain: The statutes of the Lord rejoice thhe heart.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ MORE to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson: The Epistle

The way of the cross does not make sense to the world. Power, success, fulfillment, safety – these are turned upside down when we put our faith in Christ.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-25

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 1)

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

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 marketplace!" 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 2)

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Winnie Mitchell

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 of God, Light of 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 IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name maybe united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Passing on of a Loved One~Family~Friend~Neighbor

+++William "Bill" Benesch+++

February 26, 2021

Sudzy's brother-in-law.

O, Lord, we call upon you in our time of sorrow, That You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships. Keep us ever in Your watch, til we can walk again with light hearts and renewed spirits.



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests
for the week of March 7, 2021*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2021*

Illness/Injured/Surgeries

(*** indicates new prayer requests)

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Ewing and Peter Ewing***

The Sudzy Benesch Family***

Zion Parsons (Paul & Nicole's 10 yo Grandson)

Kristen Murray (Mike & Bonnie's Daughter)

Jim Willson (The Ann's Brother-in-Law & Uncle)

David Thompson's Mom

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg & Janet's
Family)

Eduvrijes Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

Continued Healing & Prayers

The Drummond Family

The Stocker Family

Mayr Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

Wilson Begay and family

Parson's Dad & Grandson

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

David Cross (ALS) and family

Suzane Steele

The Canda Family

Carryn Anderson

(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)

Linda & Alan McPeak

Willdra Ruzanski

The LoPresti and Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne
(Sandra Attebery's Family)

Billie Jo Hermansson and Family
(Ann & Ann's
Daughter and Sister)

Lee & Park Street

Zahara

Fr. Wayne & Shannon Ewing

Dean Zylich

The Rev. Wendie &

Evalds Jekabsons

Dallas Anderson

Maria Thrurn

Confession of Sin

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

(Silence may be kept.)

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*

The Peace (unmute)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

People And also with you.

Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

Offertory: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

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“Offertory Plates are available at the Worship Service”

Offertory Music

Blue Hymnal 335

“I am the Bread of Life”

Doxology

“Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow”

Spiritual Communion

The Communion Prayer (for Zoom viewers)

In union, O Lord,
with the faithful who yearn to gather
at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,
we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
We present you our souls and bodies
with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,
and,
since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.
We unite ourselves with you,
and embrace you with all the love of our souls.
Let nothing ever separate you from us.
May we live in you,
and may you live in us,
both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

“Holy, holy, holy Lord. . .”

BCP 362

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

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.*

Agnus Dei (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S158

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

have mercy upon us.

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have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

grant - us thy peace

Communion of the People (listen in silence)

One Bread One Body

(Inside front of hymnal)

O Christe Domine Jesu

(Inside back of hymnal)

Communion Hymn

Blue Hymnal 324

“ Let all mortal flesh ”

A General Thanksgiving

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 a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves 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.*

Processional to Serve

Blue Hymnal 594

“ O God of Grace ”

Benediction

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Postlude

Blue Hymnal 336

“ Come With Us O Blessed Jesus ”

