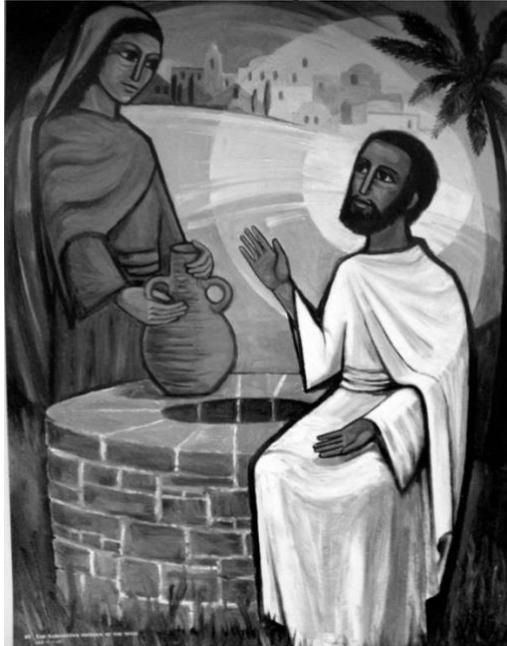


Third Sunday in Lent



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We invite you to experience God's love and ours. We are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are bound together by our common liturgy, not a rigid set of doctrines. So how we sing and pray and relate to one another is very important to us. Wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you and invite you to make your place with us. Come share our joys and sorrows as we share in yours. God is alive for everyone here regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or life history. Join singles, couples, partners and families of every description that make up our community of faith. Rejoice with us in our diversity.

Parish Prayer

Good and gracious God, we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy. May the Church of Our Saviour be so inspired by your Holy Spirit that it may serve as a beacon of hope and a witness to the gospel for all people. Grant that we may continually grow in our own knowledge and love of you as we strive to use all that we have and all that we are to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcome, Guests

*If you are visiting this morning, we hope you will consider making
Church of Our Saviour your church home.*

A Penitential Order: Rite II
Liturgy of the Word
Third Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn My song is love unknown, verse 1

(Sung by Peter Wright)

The Presider says

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

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.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Response: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

The Presider continues

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*

The Deacon or Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest says

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 Kyrie**

Presider Lord have mercy

People Christ have mercy

Presider and *People* Lord have mercy

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And, also with you

Presider: 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.*

Response: Amen

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the

Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Response: Thanks be to God

♪♪ **Psalm 95** (simplified anglican chant)

hVenite, exultemus

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Second Reading Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Response: Thanks be to God

When, like the woman at the well, verse 1

(sung by Peter Wright)

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Response following the Gospel: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett

The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP p. 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own

essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

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.

Prayers of the people

Central to every gathering of Christians for worship is intercessory prayer. Our prayer is always for the church and the world.

Intercessor: As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence)

Intercessor: We pray for the church around the globe; and for all thirsty for your word. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Mark, Bill and Arthur, and our Priest Debra. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for living water; for deep wells and safe sewer systems; for acid-free rain and oil-free oceans; for clean and abundant drinking water for every human being. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those nations who are now at war; for refugees and all who suffer from post-traumatic stress; for international peacemakers and relief workers. We especially pray for all those in the military, and for the President of the United States, his advisors, and all branches of the U.S. government and our state and local government. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for those who are homeless and outcast; for those suffering from any disease or illness; for those with mental or physical disabilities. Comfort those in need (*especially* Christopher, David, Pam, Susan, Christine, Joe, Chris, Derwood, Ruth, Judy, Glynn, Patricia, Patty, Tom, Danny, Emily, Rob, Jeff, Mikey, Anthony, Norma, Clarence, Dan, Steve, Leslie, Nancy R., Marilyn M., Bill, Anne M., Marsha, Roger, William, Mitchell, Helen, Richard S., Bob, Kym, Anna, Preston, Kelly, Stephanie, Joslyn, Mia, Virginia, Michelle, Chris D., Randy and Helen, Raymond, Katie, Robin, the Silvey family, Fred, Susan S., Judy, Allan, Richard and Joyce Metz, Susan T., Shirley W., Sandy, Ramon, Jessica, Tim, Dianne, Phyllis, the Smith family, William W., Kylie, Nakiim, Kerry, Bill & Betty, Imani, Hannah & Quintuplets, Nancy, Hannah, Taylor, Vivienne, Alex, Sam, Mary & the Coteat family, victims of the Tennessee tornadoes, and all those who are affected by the Corona virus pandemic). God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for this congregation, all those who live alone and for those members who cannot be here today. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for our seminarians Jon and Megan as they continue their discernment toward ordination and for all seminarians. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You may add other intercessions silently or aloud. (A brief silence to allow for intercessions.) God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You know everything we have ever done, and still you love us. We thank you for giving us hope in the communion of saints, who drink from the rock that is Christ. We pray for all the faithful departed, especially The Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris, let light perpetual shine upon them. God of mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Presider: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Peace “The Peace of Christ be always with you”

Response: “And also with you”

Commemorative Prayers

The priest offers prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events.

Announcements

Presider The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Presider Let us pray

The Lord’s Prayer

People and Presider

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 Prayer Over the People

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.
Amen

♪♪ **Closing hymn** Come thou fount of every blessing (sung by Peter Wright)

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Altar Candle for Sunday March 15, 2020

Candle: Given to the glory of God

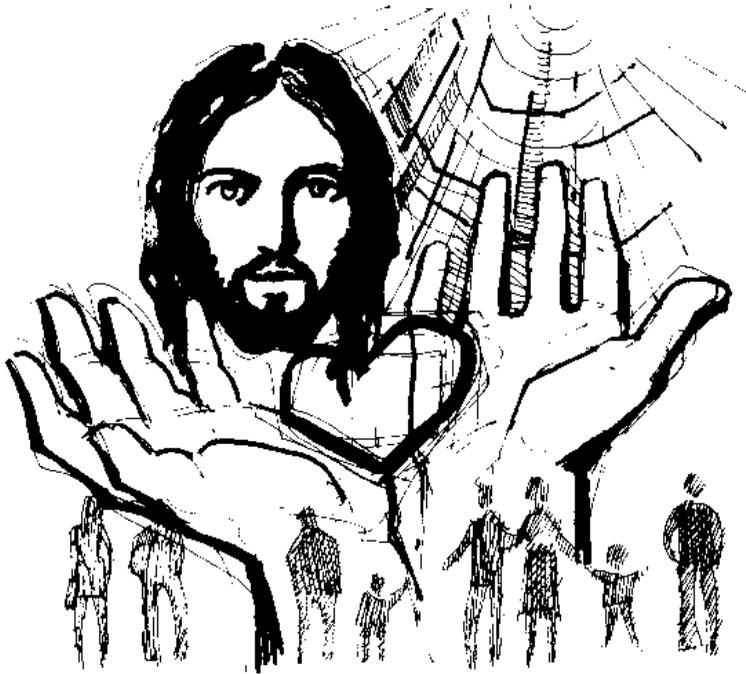
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During Lent there will be no flowers at the Altar. Please sign up for the Sanctuary Candle instead.

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