

Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

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**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy**

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Acclamation:

***Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.***

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sermon

Silence for Reflection

Music Meditation

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

Prayers

On this third Sunday in Lent, let our prayer reflect the guidance of the Ten Commandments. We respond to each petition with the words “grant us your wisdom, O God.”

A brief silence.

O God, our lawgiver, our temple, our wisdom, form your church to worship you alone. As you blessed Gregory the Great, so bless our bishops for their ministry in church and world.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Protect all who call upon the power of your name. As you blessed the martyr Perpetua and her companions, so bless all the baptized who suffer for their faith.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Even during this pandemic, connect us in diverse ways to our worshiping communities, and give to all persons regular rest from their work.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Bless with wisdom all parents and any who are granted authority over others, and give to children the will to honor those who care for them.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Keep the nations of the earth from engaging in war, bloodshed, and torture, and help people of all ages to resist the lure of violence.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Uphold marriages and all commitments of care, and defend all persons, especially children, from sexual abuse.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Guard your earth, its animals and its plant life from all who would take for themselves more than they need.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Train the diverse peoples of our nation to respect one another. As you blessed Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, so bless all who work to end discrimination and the oppression of the vulnerable.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Use our bounty to meet the needs of others, those who are homeless or hungry, and hear our prayers for all who are sick or suffering, especially Sarah, Casey, Steven, Dick, and Linda; all afflicted with the coronavirus and all we name here before you. . .

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Teach us how to pray, also for ourselves:

A longer period of silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Receive our thanks for all who have died in the faith, and bring us all at the end into the fullness of your life.

A brief silence.

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful and gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Offering

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, there are other ways: through the mail or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen**

Be at Peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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