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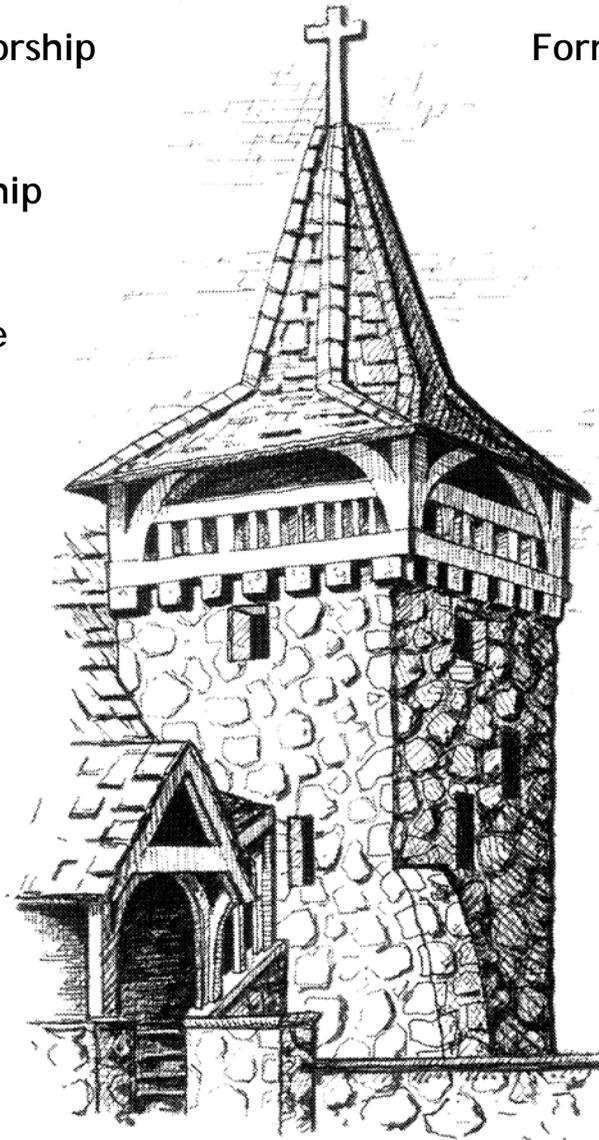
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# The Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

10:15 IN THE MORNING

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell.*

### The Penitential Order and Liturgy of the Word Prayer Book page # 351

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

### The Decalogue

Prayer Book page #350

*The Decalogue is said, the people standing.*

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.

*The people sing this response* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Celebrant may read the following sentence.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The Celebrant 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 Celebrant then 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 service continues with the Trisagion.*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

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## The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 218

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

Prayer Book page # 357

*The people sit. One lesson will be read. After the Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## A Reading from the book of Exodus (20:1-17)

*The Gradual Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant*

Prayer Book page # 606

*The psalm will be read in unison*

- 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.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:13-22)***

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. The People respond Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael Bamberger*

## The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The Prayers of the People are led by the deacon.*

*Deacon* During this Lenten journey, let us offer our prayers and intercessions to our gracious God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We give thanks for all the ministries of our parish;

**That your Holy Spirit guide and strengthen all ministries of the Church.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We also pray for all those who serve in the armed forces of our country, especially \_\_\_\_\_; and their loved ones; **That they all may be led to right decisions through our leaders.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_. We pray;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed especially \_\_\_\_\_ eternal rest; **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## The Holy Communion

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*Announcements may be made. The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*Representatives of the congregation would in ordinary times bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

The Lord be with you. **People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. **People We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit

to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-119")

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

~~All~~ **Alleluia:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* ~~Alleluia~~

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-160")

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*  
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

*All are welcome to ceive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Prayer Book page # 365

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may pronounce a seasonal solemn benediction.*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal and Peace

*The Celebrant may the bless the People.*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger or another member of the clergy.

**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, WE ARE BACK IN A NEW SCHEDULE!!!!** Online, Zoom and Facebook Live Eucharist will be at 8am, followed by a Zoom Coffee Hour, and Zoom Between the Masses. At 10:15, we have in person, outdoor Eucharist, Folks are asked to bring their own chairs. Distancing will be observed, masks will be worn, and Communion will be distributed in one kind.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for those who have pledged and asked for envelopes.

**THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** has been postponed until Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The list of qualified electors will be published and posted in March.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

**3/ 8 - Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy** (*Priest, 1929*) **3/9 – Gregory** (*Bishop of Nyssa, c.394*) **3/10 – Harriet Tubman** (*Social reformer, 1913*) **3/12 – Gregory the Great** (*Bishop of Rome, 604*) **3/13 – James Theodore Holly** (*Bishop of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, 1911*)

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski  
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

*Director of Music and Organist:* Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson; *Diocesan Discerner:* Mr. Keiichi Matsumoto

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