The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020
8:00 AM

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THE REV. LECIA BRANNON, LOCUM TENENS
THE REV. NANCY WILKES, DEACON
A Penitential Order with Holy Eucharist—Rite I

The people standing, the Presider says
Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue (B.C.P., pg. 317) (please kneel)
God spake these words, and said:
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Confession (B.C.P., pg. 320)
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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness 1Jn 1:8-9

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution (B.C.P., pg. 321)
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Collect of the Day (kneeling)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read.

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?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 95  
Venite, exultemus

Cantor sings antiphon, then the congregation sings the antiphon.
Verses are sung by the cantor; the congregation sings the antiphon after vs. 2, vs. 5, vs. 7, and vs. 11.

Antiphon

RCL Lent 3A  Psalm 95

based on “Land of Rest” (H82–304)

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.  
   Antiphon
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
   Antiphon
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! 
   Antiphon
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
   Antiphon

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.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
John 4:1-42
Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria.

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.”
After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon
The Rev. Lecia Brannon

The Nicene Creed  (standing)
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. 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  (B.C.P., pg. 328)

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
Leader Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially; for Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our bishops; Lecia our priest; Nancy our Deacon and the people of Calvary Church; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald and Greg, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor ................................, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.
Leader And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially ......................, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

People Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Calvary, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Leader Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.
The Peace
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM  ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME  Hymn #685
The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY  Hymn # 380 vs 3
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  (Eucharistic Prayer II, B.C.P., pg. 340)
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Celebrant and People

THE SANCTUS  Hymnal # S-129

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues
All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Cantor and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.

At Communion
The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail where you may kneel or stand.
The Bread will be placed in your outstretched palm. After you eat it, the Wine may be sipped from the chalice. If you leave the Bread in your hand, the server will make the Wine available for you to dip the Bread.
If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. After Communion, we ask that you return to your seats using the side aisles.

Communion Hymn
COME UNTO ME
(Dale Wood)
SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME
Calvary Choir
Hymn # 679

Post Communion Prayer (kneeling)
B.C.P., pg. 339

Celebrant and People
Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Lenten Blessing:
The Celebrant says
Bow down before the Lord.
The people kneel or bow their heads as the Celebrant continues
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.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn
COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
Hymn # 686

The Dismissal (Alleluia is omitted during Lent.)
Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.


May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace: Maria Enedina Cabello, Ed Railsback

Please keep Dale Butler, Jack Butler, Richard Carrell, Sean Dantimo, Paul Easter, Jr., Tyler Freeman, Alex Iversen, Caleb Kilpatrick, Don Michael, Taylor Moran, Terra Sutill, Ryan Trenck, Jim Williams, Isaiah Jose Zarate, and all the members of our armed forces who are serving in peace keeping missions throughout the world in your prayers.

When sending communion to those that are unable to be with us.

Celebrant and People

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.
EASTER FLOWERS

It is time to order the Easter flowers that add to the beauty of the church at Easter. The suggested donation is $15 per plant. Please return this form with your check to the church office or drop in the alms basin today.

Deadline to order is April 1st.

I wish to order _____ Easter Flowers @ $15 each. I enclose $_______.

Name____________________________________________

Dedications: To the Glory of God and
In Memory of ________________________________________

In Thanksgiving for __________________________________ Attach extra sheets if necessary
If you are visiting with us today - WELCOME to Calvary!
Please fill out a visitor cards found in the pew back in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our ushers.

SUNDAY LAY MINISTERS

8:00 AM SERVICE
Acolyte: Sean Bethke
Lector: Lynette Butler
Worship Leader: Dan Bradley
Greeter: Mary Ellen Plut
Usher: Frank Plut
Early Service Vestry Person is:
Eric Cain

10:30 AM Service
Acolytes: Sophia Helbert, Kaylee Hillis, McKinley Cain
Lectors: Dorothy Lyons
Eucharistic Minister: Bob Todor
Worship Leader: John Lyons
Greeters: Lori Hoy, Carol Wagner, Pat Hooten, Sheryl Smith
Ushers: Debbie Pohler, Raymond Pohler, Ken Fisher
Maggie Fisher
Late Service Vestry Person is:
Eric Cain

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY
8:00 AM-Traditional Service
(followed by breakfast in the parish hall)
9:30 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM—Contemporary Service
(followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall)
TUESDAY
9:30 AM-Traditional Service in Chapel

2020 Vestry
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Oscar Lozano, Jr Warden
David Taylor, Clerk
Eric Cain
Angela Cooley
Susan Grotte
Tim Hillis
Jim Kidda
Frank Lemkowitz
Missy Marek
John Ondrusek
Don Whitehead
Treasurer: Christian Iversen
Chancellor: Bill Daw

Upcoming Events

March
March 18
March 25
March 15
April 4
April 4
Lenten Series Begins—6:30pm Parish Hall
Rev. David Peters
Bishop C. Andrew Doyle
A Service of Choral Evensong 5:30pm
Church Spring Cleaning Day
Calvary Sole Mates Run/Walk for Attack Poverty 5K

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