

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## Morning Prayer Rite II

Sunday, March 7, 2021

### Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Hymn: Rock of Ages

Sung by all

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*All* God's mercy endures forever.

### The Decalogue

### Opening Sentence

*Presider* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

### Confession of Sin & Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,**

**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Presider* 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 Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come let us adore him.

**Kyrie**

**Sung by all**

**The Psalm of the Day 19**

**Led by Carol Oliver**

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
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.  
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.  
The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear

and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.  
By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.  
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.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*All*     **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

A reading from the book of Exodus

**Read by Richard Auletta**

Then 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. For six days you shall labour 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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**Is Your All On the Altar**

**sung by Taiwan Norris**

A reading from the Gospel of John

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Regan O'Callaghan**

**Canticle 14**

**A Song of Penitence**

**sung by Sophie Delphis**

**The Apostles Creed**

**said in unison**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

#### **The Offertory**

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

#### **Doxology**

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

#### **The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **The Prayers**

**Led by Glenn Jussen**

Merciful God, come to us as you came to Noah.  
Come to the caves of our lives –  
caves we have created,  
and caves we have sought;  
Caves to which we have been sent,  
caves in which we now reside.  
Come to the caves of our world –

caves of containment,  
and caves of protection;  
Caves of solace and anxiety,  
caves that quickly become tombs.

Gracious God, come to us as you came to Abraham and Sarah.

Call us back to life –  
life created by you,  
and life sustained by you;

Life in relationship with you,  
life in service to others.

Call us back to life –  
life that is hope in despair,  
and peace in unsettled times.

Life that is joy in sorrow,  
love beyond understanding.

Loving God, come to us as you came to Moses.

Unbind us and set us free –  
liberate shackles of sadness,  
and burdens too heavy to bear.

Release us from fear that inhibits  
deliver us in your grace.

Unbind us and set us free –  
call us to community,  
and fuel us for connection.

Show us your way,  
inspire us to walk with you.

Through the renewing power of your Spirit,  
and grounded in the words you teach us to pray.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*\*\* Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*All*              **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold

fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Lenten Prayer**

**led by Karan Merry**

**Friends, please join me in our closing prayer:**

**Loving God,  
So many times I turn away from you  
and always you welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love gives me confidence  
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within me.  
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses  
leads me to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.**

**The Benediction**

*Presider* May Christ who calls you to take up your cross give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: In Times Like These      Sung by all**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God!**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Check-in**

**Holy Week & Easter at Holy Apostles**

**Holy Week is fast approaching. Our schedule for Palm Sunday (March 28th) through the first Sunday of Easter (April 11th)**

- **Palm Sunday**
  - **10am Zoom Service**
  - **12noon Procession of the Palm (meet in front of the Church)**
- **Maundy Thursday**
  - **5pm Agape Meal Zoom**

- **7:30pm Zoom service**
- **Good Friday**
  - **12noon Zoom service**
- **Easter Vigil**
  - **8pm in person with Eucharist**
- **Easter Day**
  - **10am Zoom**
- **1st Sunday of Easter**
  - **10am Zoom**
  - **11am This Little Light & Easter Egg Hunt for small children 5 and under**
  - **11:30am Coffee Hour to Go at church**