



Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2018
The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two

Prelude

Opening Hymn | *Please stand* *God the Sculpture of the mountains*

John Thornburg

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliv'rance, we are sightless; lead us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

The Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise
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The Trisagion

Hymnal #S-

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.** *(repeated three times)*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People and also with you.

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 First Lesson | *Please be seated*

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response | *Read in unison*

Psalm 63:1-8

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-

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I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn | *Please stand.*

Will you come and follow me

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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me.

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Holy Gospel | *Remain standing*
13:1-9

Luke

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed | *Please stand.*

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

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and most gracious God, source of all wisdom and guidance, send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek and discern a shepherd for the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Inspire us with hope, hearts to love you and a desire to serve one another. Grant us grace to entrust you with the future of your Church and all things. We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and in humanitarian enterprises, far from home and possibly in dangerous circumstances, especially Chris Leicht.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

The people may add their thanksgivings within the silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal Rosemary Nichols, Brenda Clark, Ellen Bryant Voigt, Irma Irby, Sharon Taylor, Ruth Taylor, Katy Harrelson, Michelle Taylor, Alan Sands, Mary Catherine, G B Thompson, Stephanie Wingfield, Heath Light, Mary and Thérèse Schafer, Cheryl Hogg, Teresa Salle', Sarah McBrayer, Joseph and Jean Dapps, Alex Trebeck and all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The people may add others within the silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

The Confession

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Presentation

Anthem

Come ye sinners, poor and needy

Ronald Turner

At the Presentation | *Please stand.*

Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Hymn

Hymnal 717, verse 4

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

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heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

People: ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Breaking of Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Hymn during Communion

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing

Praise to the living God

Hymnal 372

After the hymn, we invite you into silence as the candles are extinguished.

Welcome to Emmanuel! You have a special invitation to join us for refreshments and conversation in the Parish Hall following the service.

Coffee hour this morning is hosted by Betty and Richard Camp.

Serving Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Becky Crites	Crucifer	Henry Hurt
Organist /Choir Director	Kenyon Scott	Acolyte	Sam Hurt
Eucharistic Minister	John Geyer	Reader	Betty Camp
Intercessor	Martha Rush	Altar	Martha Jane
Ushers	Walter Coles and Richard Camp		

Birthdays in March

*Dorothy Diggs 5th Llewelyn Coles 9th Jane Ruef 25th
Mary Hicks Heitzler 27th John Geyer 28th*

Vestry Members

Class of 2019: Ashby Cothran

Class of 2020: Steve Griffin (Jr. Warden), Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson

Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles, Kenyon Scott

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Announcements

Mondays 7:00-7:20pm Chants and the Music of the Suna Service

Monday, 7:00 - 7:30pm Chants and the music of the Daily Service
Come and listen to chants and the music of our Anglican sung services.

Tuesdays, 4 - 5pm Our One Word: a spiritual happy hour!

Our One Word is a simple gathering created by Episcopalian and Christian writer Martha Bourlakas. Her goal was to gather people together and “settle and be with ourselves, be with each other, be with the Word of God. So, *come and see*, as we feed on coffee, tea, wine and snacks and one word.

Wednesdays, 10 - 11am Liturgical Worship

How does worship form us as the body of Christ? *Come and See:*

March 27 The Liturgy of the Word
April 3 The Liturgy of the Table
April 10 Leaving Words and Actions

Wednesday Community Suppers: 5:30 -7pm at Chatham Baptist Church 434-432-8003

Please call the church by noon Tuesday if you will be there for dinner. The menu: salad, roast beef with gravy, red potatoes, broccoli, rolls, coconut cake. All for \$7.00! Donations to Chatham Ministerial Emergency Fund are encouraged. The reflection this week will be given by: The Rev. Chuck Warnock

Other Lent stuff.....

Saturday, April 6th *Lenten Service Project: YARD DAY*
Saturday, April 13th *A Lenten ladies brunch! More info to follow*

Lent Madness www.lentmadness.org

32 saints are placed into a single elimination bracket, with the winner receiving a Golden Halo. To follow along there is a poster of the bracket on the bulletin board by the parish hall door.

To PLAY: make a daily visit to the website, read about the saints who are duking it out and vote for one!

On the history channel: Jesus: His Life: An Eight-Part Event Begins Monday March 25th. 8pm

Explores the story of Jesus Christ through the people in his life who were closest to him. Each of the eight chapters is told from the perspective of different biblical figures, all of whom played a pivotal role in Jesus' life including Joseph, John the Baptist, Mary Mother of Jesus, Caiaphas, Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene and Peter.