

The Third Sunday Lent

March 14th, 2021

Welcome!

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The Lenten greenery is arranged by Betty Camp.

Opening Hymn

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Hymnal 1982 #648

*1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.*

*Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in
Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh to let my
people go.*

*2 The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
to lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go.*

Refrain

*3 They journeyed on at his command,
let my people go
to lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go.*

Refrain:

*4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go.*

Refrain:

Officiant Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. 518, 653, 755

***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 Absolution

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.

“Thrice Holy”
 Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,
 Have mercy upon us, mercy on us.

Collect of the Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Hymn

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Hymnals 1982 #706

1 In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me,
and to glory kept me blind.

2 Lord, I did not freely choose you
till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you
had your love not chosen me.

3 Now my heart sets none above you,
for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you,
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through, And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.
Purge us from our sin, And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness, that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.
Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from them. Remember G. B. Thompson, buried yesterday.

We especially pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Jackie, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Marlin, Armando, the family of GB Thompson.

Concluding prayer

Gracious God, because of your great love for the world you gave us your son; grant us the strength and wisdom believe in him that we would not perish but have eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Lenten Blessing and Dismissal

Lord Jesus, it was your will that your Father's House would be a place of prayer for all people; grant us the strength and wisdom to be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

I am the bread of life

Hymnal 1982 #355

1 I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.

2 The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

4 I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

5 Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

Even in Lent, please greet each other with some extended "Holy Honking"!

Serving Today

Officiant: The Rev. Becky Crites

Organist: Kenyon Scott

Soloist: Charlotte Martin Paris

Reader: Rick Dixon

March Birthdays

Dorothy Diggs	5	Jane Ruef	25
Llewellyn Coles	9	Mary Hicks Heitzler	27
James McLaughlin	9	John Geyer	28

Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell (can be reappointed)

Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott

By Vestry Appointment: Rick Dixon

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