

Grace Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

Balm in Gilead - Afro-American Spiritual

GREETING

OPENING SENTENCE

*I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven,
and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ~Luke 15:18-19*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Officiant says to the people.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together,

**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

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Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

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

GLORIA (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. Alleluia.**

ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
Come let us adore Him.

VENITE

In unison

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive - setting by C. Schalk

PSALM 19

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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.**

**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. Alleluia.**

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

CANTICLE 11 ~ *The Third Song of Isaiah* *In unison*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Out of the Deep I Cry to Thee - M. Reger

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 2:13-22

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. **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15 ~ *The Song of Mary* *In unison*

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REFLECTION

A TIME OF SILENCE - *A bell will sound three times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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SUFFRAGES "A"

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.

Silence

AS WE PRAYERS FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

Dan & Fran Moore, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Donna** Campbell, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Our Father Who in Heaven Art - Harm. by J. S. Bach

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship

Of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

Toccata - Anon. Italian (18th cen.)

Service Leader: David Inabinett

Lector: Susan Terrell

Audio Visual: David Jones, Pam Harvey