



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**
Celebrant 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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.* Most merciful God,
People **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.**
Celebrant 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1–7

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

* Indicates the People stand, as able.

✠ Indicates the People may make the sign of the cross.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL**

John 4:5–42

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, *Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Delaware*

* THE NICENE CREED

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 \dagger of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon In this time of repentance and renewal, let us offer the prayers that come from our hearts and from the heart of the world, and let us place them with trust into the heart of the Eternal One, who is Earth-maker, Pain-bearer and Life-giver.

Leader For the Church, the holy people of God, that our Lenten observance will renew us, one and all, in our baptismal vocation to be the sign and the instrument of God's love in Christ. I invite your prayers for the Church. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For the world, especially those places where wars continue, the hungry go unfed, the sick neglected, refugees scorned, and the poor denigrated, that a renewed people of God and all people of goodwill will dispense the compassion of God. I invite your prayers for the world. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For our nation and our government leaders, that there be a swift end to violence in both words and actions, and that mutual respect will replace divisive discourse. I invite your prayers for our nation. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For the city of Lewes, and all the communities from which we come, that people may live peaceful lives, that travelers may be safe, and that homes may be safe places of respect and love. I invite your prayers for our community. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For the sick in mind, body and spirit. We remember those on our prayer list. [We remember _____.] Now I invite you to say aloud or in your hearts those others for whom we ought to pray. *(The People may add their own petitions.)* May the healing balm of God's mercy and grace renew and restore them. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For those who have passed ✠ through the thin space between this life and the next. [We remember _____.] I now invite you to say aloud or in your hearts those whom you hold in sacred memory. *(The People may add their own petitions.)* May they live in the eternal embrace of God. *(Silence)* Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For the concerns and intentions of this community. I now invite you to offer your prayers aloud or in silence. *(The People may add their own petitions.)* For the prayers of one another let us pray; Lord, hear us.

People **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect, In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality, (adapted from the 1928 BCP):
 O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of serious sickness, we flee to you for comfort and relief. Deliver us, we implore you, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper and guide those seeking to discover a cure; and grant that, recognizing how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All exchange non-physical greetings of peace.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. † Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion † make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

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

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 THE BREAD**

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

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*** THE BLESSING**

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.
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.**

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A Note from the Rector:

Dear friends,

Blessings and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I published a note to you earlier, indicating that we were going to moderate (orange) level of precautions. I write to let you know that our Bishop, Kevin Brown, has now moved us up to level red. What this means is that we are moving to the most severe level of precautions. All services and every gathering at the church is now cancelled until March 28. On Sunday mornings for the rest of March, we will webcast a service, attended only by myself and other clergy. There will be no music. We urge you to join us by going to our Facebook or webpage (stpeterslewes.org), so that we may worship and pray together. We hope to leave the service up so that you can watch it later if this time does not work for you. The bulletin is posted on our webpage. This will be a Eucharistic service, and although you cannot be with us physically, you can spiritually receive.

Please stay calm and join me in praying for all who are infected, those who are caring for them and those who are working for a cure. Through thoughtful and appropriate caution, we will get through this time. Please know you are in my prayers and I hope you keep me in yours.

I hope you will join me in using this prayer from the 1929 Book of Common Prayer:

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality:

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Peace

Jeffrey+

Lectionary Readings for next week

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Please note that all groups, classes, and rehearsals are cancelled until at least the end of March. We will try to reschedule the Inquirers' Class for a later date: watch the bulletins for details.

Tips from our Parish Nurses for preventing infection

1. Wash your hands for 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice) or use hand sanitizer whenever you return home from any activity that involves locations where other people have been. Try to keep your hands away from your face although that can be very difficult.
2. Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances and in your car for use after getting gas or touching other contaminated objects. Or use disinfectant wipes.
3. No Handshaking – use a fist bump, slight bow etc.
4. Eat well- to support your immune system – add garlic, mushrooms and elderberry tea or syrup to your diet whenever possible-
5. Make sure you are getting enough Vitamin D and rest (7-8 hours a day).
6. Consider doing some breathing exercises to relax and calm yourself when you begin to get anxious- for example breathing in to the count of 4 pausing and breathing out to the count of 4
7. Meditate, pray, dance, chant, make art, do yoga, go out in nature, stay away from the news. You know what relaxes you! Calming your nervous system and helping it reset, will give your immune system a boost, an optimize your chance to fight off any infection
8. The CDC recommends that anyone over 60 avoid crowds and congested places- like movie theater, concerts and even religious observances. So be aware and careful when you are out.

Prayer List (*names usually stay on for about a month*): Bill Atwell, Billy Bailey, Ted Barnett, Marika Bates, Linda Best, Melanie Bradley, Ruth Brahs, Diane Bruce, Kathy Burke, Dennis Callaghan, Tom Carlson, Kim Carmine, Michael Cook, Marie Coscione, Mary Beth Crafts, Dorothy Crowley, Angelique Devlin, Vicky Drake, D. Joe Dunlap, Glyn Edwards, Arline Fleischer, Marie Forbes, Father Norm, Jean Gilden, Joyce Gleason, Holly Gray, Mark Gruber, Kathy Hadley, Kean & LiLing Hames, Wanda Hamlet, Kellee Harris, Bruce Heisler, Ada Henderson, Betty Hill, Pat Holgerson, Darlene Holthaus, George Huguenin, Heather Humes, Margaret Isaminger, Peter Jahn, Carol Johnson, Diane Jones, Richard Jundt, Anna Maria, Caroline Kindon, Charlotte King, Ann Kolb, Mitzi Kratt, Andy, Zach, Mary Beth, Zachary L., Kerri Layton, Nancy Lewis, David Levin, Joyce Lindsay, Chris Long, Bob Macintire, G.G. and Patsy Macinitre, Ruth Macintire, Vincent Marion, Wendy Gallamore Martin, Penny McCaffrey, Gibson Alula McDade, Susan McElligott, Drew McKay, Bill McVey, Gerry Miller, Jo Miller-Marcin, Gene Modzelewski, Harper Myers, Debra Padgett, Pat Pagano, Fiona Pando, Sue Potts, Nicole Powell, Bonnie Riley, Leonia Robinson, Susan Robinson, Paul Rummel, Stephen Scalenghe, Corey Schlobohm, Gary Scotti, Denise Seliskar, Jill Shann-Biddle, Nolan Shea, Craig Shomo, Sue Siegfried, George Singer, Beth Smith, Susan Smith, Jason Somerset, Jill Stevens, Elaine Stone, Jessica Strande, Barbara Tenney, Maggie Thompson, Kate Wade, JoAnne Welling, Philip Westcott, Ann Whaley, Jill Whipple, Leah Willis, Ruth Wyman, Amy, Bill, Carole, Bob, Debra, Diane, Fran, Garrett, Isobel, Jane, Janine, Jen, Jill, Jim, John, Lisa, Magda, Mark, Martha, Maverick, Nina, Peter, Rebecca, Sandy, Stacy, Sue, Tasha

Deaths:

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

- Restrooms are available in the parish hall, an usher can give you directions.
- This bulletin may be downloaded from www.stpeterslewes.org by selecting "Worship & Music" then clicking "Sunday Bulletin" to obtain a PDF copy. WiFi in the church building is accessed by connecting to "StPeterChurch-guest", enter password "Episcopal".
- All God's people are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church, including children. Ushers will help direct you to the communion rail. If it is difficult for you to come to the rail, please let an usher know and we will gladly bring Communion to you in your pew.
- The presence, sounds, and activities of children are welcome in our liturgy. Activity packets for children's use in the pews are located at the entrance of the church, a rocking chair is also available for parents. The nursery is located on the lower level of our Parish Hall and is available from 9:30 to 11:40 am. Godly Play is our Sunday School for children ages 3rd to 5th grade on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. September – May on the lower level of our Parish Hall.
- If you need assistance with hearing devices, please notify a clergy person.
- If you are going through a difficult time and would like a Stephen Minister, please speak to one of the clergy.
- The 911 address for the church is 200 Second Street. The Parish Hall address is 211 Mulberry Street.

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