The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



Moses and the Brazen Serpent, 1618-1620
Anthony van Dyck

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others." You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite One

Prelude

Silent Processional

The Opening Acclamation BCP 38

Presider To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Confession of Sin BCP 41

Presider Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy 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.

Presider and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Invitatory and Psalter BCP 42

Presider O God make speed to save us
People **O Lord, make haste to help us**

Presider and People

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*

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

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 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.

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

The Response *Confitemini Domino* 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.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Sequence Hymn 339 (Vs. 1&3) *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

1 To God with gladness sing,
your Rock and Savior bless;
into his temple bring
your songs of thankfulness!
O God of might, to you we sing,
enthroned as King on heaven's height!

3 Your heavenly Father praise,
acclaim his only Son,
your voice in homage raise
to him who makes all one!
O Dove of peace, on us descend
that strife may end and joy increase!

The Holy Gospel — John 3:14-21

Priest ☩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord**.

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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, Oh Christ.**

The Homily — Mr. Foster Peterson

The Nicene Creed — BCP 326

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 Suffrage A BCP 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the People *Intercessor*

The 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.***

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

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

People and Presider

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 Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *[Amen.]*

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

The General Thanksgiving *Presider and People* BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all

our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn 690(v. 1&3) *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

The Solemn Prayer for Lent

The Presider says Let us bow down before the Lord. *(bow as you are able)*
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal BCP 60

Priest Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.*** *Romans 15:13*

Postlude

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Lynda, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie, David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, Christopher, Mario, Bruce, & Darren. For all those affected by COVID-19, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

3/14 Jamie Hreha
3/18 Colter Stinchcomb
3/18 Wyatt Stinchcomb
3/19 Doug Sweet
3/20 Sharon Beck

Preparing for Lent and Sunday Worship

You are invited to participate in Devotional Practices for Lent, 2021 created by Sally Urley for the Episcopal Diocesan of Atlanta. Simply click HERE to view a calendar with daily devotions, meditations, and preparation.. My hope during this season of Lent we will be able to re-focus on how important fellowship and worship are important to our lives as Christians and Disciples.

2021 Lenten Program Continues each Wednesday Night at 6:30PM

This year on Wednesday nights during Lent, we will host Zoom virtual gatherings and virtual reflections from parishioners sharing their stories of hope and strength during these unprecedented times. Look for a link in the weekly newsletter to join the zoom meetings.

Easter Flower Dedications Now Available

Thank you for supporting ECA Altar Flower Ministry. Please email your Easter Flower dedication (complete with wording in thanksgiving for/in memory of) to **ecanews@bellsouth.net** or print and mail the form **here.**

Holy Week and Easter Services are Currently being Planned

We are awaiting the latest guidelines from the diocese, as soon as we have guidance, we will put out dates and times for the services. We will still have services associated with Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday with Stations of the Cross, Easter Vigil and Easter services. We will have both services also live streamed for those who are still taking their own necessary precautions during these times. I am looking forward to the day we come back together and we will be planning many events to bring us back together in fellowship and worship. Blessings, Fr. Paul+

ECA is forming a Caregiver's Support Group on ZOOM

Calling all Caregivers, Friends, and Family Members of those with a Terminal or Chronic Illness: The journey for our caregivers as well as family members of those affected by terminal and/or chronic illnesses is extremely hard. It is so important to connect with others and exchange ideas and share support. My name is Robin Racoff and I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and trained at the Rosalynn Carter Institute to help caregivers, as well as having been a caregiver and working professionally with ALS, Muscular Dystrophy, Crohns and Colitis, and dementia caregivers and patients. *The focus of our group will be on the caregiver, so no patients please.* Please contact **robinracoff@gmail.com** if you are interested and let me know what time and day would work best for you. I am thinking of the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM; Or the 1st Saturday at 10 AM. During the Zoom Session you may participate with or without video, audio, or just observe. Or simply phone in! It will not be recorded, and confidentiality will be the standard. Also, if you have any concerns or questions regarding ZOOM, please contact me directly at (404) 290-1550. It is super easy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Reach Collecting Food items for Local Food Pantries We Support

We may not be gathering for in-person worship services due to diocesan restrictions, but the need for food items at our local food pantries continues. We continue to support local charities Never Alone and Papa's Pantry in their food ministries. We are open during the week and you are welcome to come by on Sundays to drop off these much-needed items. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of helping those in need.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by clicking here. Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

ECA Finances to Date

***(YTD)* Through Jan. 2021**	**Actual**	**Budget**	**+/-**
Revenues	$24,126	$23,081	$1,045
Expenses	$20,853	$20,680	($173)
Net Year to date	$3,273	$2,401	$872

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