

# The Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021



*Christ expelling the Money Changers from the Temple*  
Salvator Rosa (Arenella, Naples 1615 – Rome 1673)

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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* I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

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

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God**

## The Response

## *Caeli enarrant*

## Psalm 19

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.

## The Second Lesson

## 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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 574 (Vs. 1&4)

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

**1** Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

**4** Let the fierce fires which burn and try,  
our inmost spirits purify:  
consume the ill; purge out the shame;  
O God, be with us in the flame;  
a new-born people may we rise,  
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

## The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

*Priest* † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, Oh Christ.**

## The Sermon

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

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.*

#### 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 344(v. 1&4)

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us  
traveling through this wilderness.

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

3 so that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.

### 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.*

*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**

3/7 Andy Jacobsen

3/10 Leo Tidwell

3/11 Linda Dobos

3/10 Elizabeth Jacobsen

3/11 Bud Thompson

3/12 Kelley Drobinski

3/10 Karen Reaves

3/11 Irene Butcher

3/13 Brenna Dunlap

### **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 has Begun**

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 an email link 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](mailto:ecanews@bellsouth.net) or print and mail the form [here](#).

**Calling all Caregivers, Friends, and Family Members of those with a Terminal or Chronic Illness: ECA is forming a Caregiver's Support Group on ZOOM** 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. Also, there are so many resources and coping strategies to learn to maximize living every day. 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM; Or the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Journeys Group Meeting Saturday 3/13**

All are welcome Saturday, March 13 at 11:30am (masks and social distancing required as per the CDC and diocesan requirements). This is a group that offers support, care, and compassion to those coping with grief, loss or any difficult life challenge. If you are seeking support through fellowship, please join us the second Saturday of each month from 11:30am-12:30 either at the outdoor pavilion or at the Activity Building (weather determinate). Please call Suzie Hart at 404.234.5294 for more information

### **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.

### **Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!**

We need YOU! If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. Volunteers are especially needed to read the Sunday lessons.

## 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

<b><u>(YTD) Through Jan. 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>
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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