



**Liturgy of the Word**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures forever.

**Celebrant:** Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "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."

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

**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.*

**Agnus Dei**

**Susan Hollinger**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us peace, give us peace.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Celebrant:** 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.*

## THE LESSONS

### **The First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17**

**Reader:** 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm for Today: Psalm 19:7-11, 14**

**Reader:** The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*

**People:** the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**Reader:** The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*

**People:** the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

**Reader:** The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*

**People:** the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**Reader:** More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*

**People:** sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

**Reader:** By them also is your servant enlightened, \*

**People:** and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Reader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

**People:** O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Reader:** 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 685 "Rock of ages, cleft for me"**

**Susan Hollinger**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**John 2:13-22**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard**

### **NICENE CREED**

**Celebrant and People:** 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**

**A Litany During a Pandemic**

**Reader:** Hear our prayers, most merciful God, as we continue to live through this pandemic as your people at the Church of Our Redeemer and for all people who are serving the common good.

**People:** Merciful God, hear our prayers.

**Reader:** Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, who you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us through this crisis, and for ever.

**People:** Good Lord, we beseech you to spare us.

**Reader:** That it may please you to receive into your everlasting glory those who have died from this disease,

**People:** Good Lord, grant them your peace.

**Reader:** From all evil and wickedness, from disease and illness, especially this Coronavirus and all of its harmful effects.

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Reader:** That it may please you to heal the sick, lift up the stricken, and comfort the bereaved and those who are isolated from loved ones.

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Reader:** Give us grateful hearts for those whose lives we depend on and provide for the common good.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** That it may please you to protect and uphold those who treat and minister to the sick in our community and around the world.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** Grant perseverance, wisdom and compassion for developing treatments, vaccines, and for their equitable distribution.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** We pray for those we easily forget that you would strengthen the weak, the elderly, the disabled and all those with underlying conditions.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** Deliver us from fear and despair, isolation and loneliness, and all those in quarantine or separated from loved ones.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** For a spirit of care and generosity for the homeless, those who have been evicted and who will spend this day without food or shelter.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** That it may please you to support, help, and comfort those who are worried about finances and employment.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** We pray for all students, teachers and administrators for reopening schools and universities, and for fostering of creative learning in safe environments.

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** Deliver us from all ignorance and apathy, pride and invincibility and from all activities that could harm others,

**People:** Hear us, good Lord.

**Reader:** We pray for our parish family, for our vestry and staff, for those who uphold our worship and reach out to others, and especially for those whose needs are unknown to us.

**People:** Good Lord, grant us your grace for our parish.

**Reader:** By your mercy, grant that this pandemic might be an occasion to renew our faith in you and to number our days by your grace.

**People:** Good Lord, hear our prayers and by your mercy fulfill them according to your will through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayers for those on Our Prayer List**

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others with a moment of silence.

### **(Moment of Silence)**

### **Reading of Names**

### **Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant and People:** 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.*

### **A Prayer of General Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of this life. Above all, we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

**Celebrant and People:** In this season of Lent, open our eyes to see the light of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by living out your gifts of holiness and righteousness as we walk in the way of the Cross through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**Celebrant:** Please remember the words of the Lord Jesus and how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

### **THE BLESSING**

**Celebrant:** Most merciful God, send your Spirit upon us as we begin this Lent that we might walk in the walk in the way of the Cross and live no longer unto ourselves alone for him who died and rose again. *Amen.*

## THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant:** We invite you to remain for our special presentation of the postlude.

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to walk in the way of the Cross.

***People:*** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: “The first song of Isaiah”**

**A Media Presentation**

**Arranged by Jack Noble White, Performed by Stonebrier Community Church in Frisco, TX**

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them  
Stella Waltemeire  
Toni & Adrienne  
The Hollinger Family  
Don & Chris  
Bob Stewart  
Alan White  
Fred Warren  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
Kathy

Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Gwenivere Black  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*