

Chancel Construction March 2021



**Third Sunday in Lent
A Penitential Order
March 7, 2021, 10:30 am
Officiant: The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind
Grace Episcopal Church
Lexington, VA**

A Penitential Order: Rite II

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Officiant

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. *1 John 1:8,9*

Officiant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant 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.

Officiant

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.



Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #237 Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have___ mer - cy, Christ, have___ mer - cy.



Lord, have___ mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.*

Exodus 20:1-17 (Alexandra Brown)

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.

Psalm 19

Setting & Offering: Martha Jones Burford, Jonathan Clawson, Christopher Vasquez

Antiphon



The hea-vens de-clare, the glor-y of God and the fir-ma-ment shows his hand-i-work.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another
Although they have no words or language and their voices are not heard.
Their sound has gone out into all lands and their message to the ends of the world. *Antiphon*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. *Antiphon*

Antiphon



By them also is your servant enlightened

And in keeping them, there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends; cleanse me from my secret thoughts.

Keep your servant from all sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then I shall be whole and sound and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Antiphon*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Elizabeth Harralson)

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 142 Lord, who throughout these 40 days



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Fr. Tuck

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

Prayers of the People (Elizabeth Grist)

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas.

Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Lynne Johnson, Susan Williams, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Rachel Pattison, Ely Turner (friend of Rob Minor), Peter Fyfe, Jack Hershbelle, Pat Gibson, Alleane Taebel, Vivian & Isabella (Carl Pattison's granddaughter and great granddaughter), Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, William Colton Lawrence (great-grandson of Polly Lawrence), SaraBeth Gay (daughter of Punky Dod), Debbie Murphy, Karen Clark (cousin of Sharon White), Matt Shiver (cousin of Judy Hotchkiss), Juanita Ruth One, Sarah Hill, and those we name in our hearts.

Pray for those serving in the military.

Pray for those who have died.

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.

In thanksgiving for birthdays last week and this week of: George Huger (3/5), Woody Sadler (3/7), Emma Brooke (3/8), Jonathan Webster (3/8), Carole Elmore (3/8), Anne Grizzle (3/9), Mary Price (3/10), John Doyle (3/11), Alice Furgerson (3/11), Daniel Mastin (3/11).

Officiant We come before you in our own brokenness, in need of your grace and favor. We trust in the promise you have made to hear our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus.

Reader We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all of your followers, especially those in leadership of your church. Set their hearts on you alone.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice.

Silence

We pray for those who struggle with disappointments, with financial insecurities, with grief over lost loved ones, or lost dreams. We pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask for healing for all who suffer.

Silence

We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss.

Silence

Officiant All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus' name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. *Amen.*

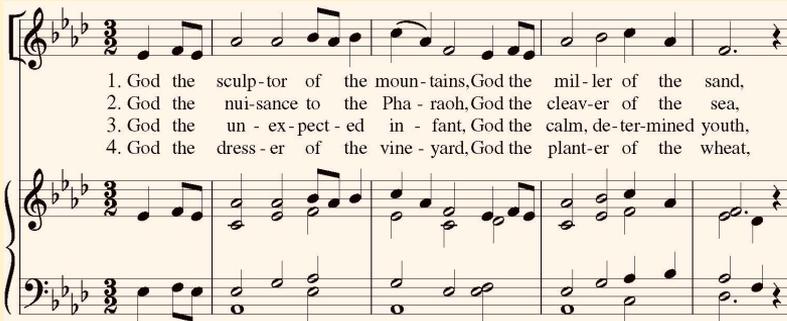
The Peace

*The peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts & minds.*

Philippians 4:7

Offertory WLP 746

God the sculptor of the mountains



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant 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.

Officiant

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.*

Amen.

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



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