



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Port Townsend, Washington

## The Third Sunday in Lent Year B



### Service of the Word

**March 7, 2021 - 9:30 am**

The Liturgy of the Word begins on page 355 of  
*The Book of Common Prayer*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

**People:** **God's mercy endures forever.**

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*silence*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
resisting your will in our lives.**

**We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other  
and in the world which you have made.**

**Reach out your saving arm and rescue us from our sin.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will  
for your people and all creation. Amen.**

### Absolution

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 Liturgy of the Word

**Kyrie** ( **S** - *Service Music may be found at the front of the Blue Hymnal*) **S-88**

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Celebrant

God be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

## The Collect

**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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## 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.

**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.

Priest or Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

## The Gospel      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.

People      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Rev. Beth Orling (Lutheran)

## The Peace

### Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory Sentence

In this moment, we take time virtually to pass the offering plate  
that represents our gifts, our hopes, and our prayers  
offered in gratitude to our Creator and in thanksgiving for this community.

**With grateful hearts, we give what we can.**

**In joyful hope, we give for what can be.**

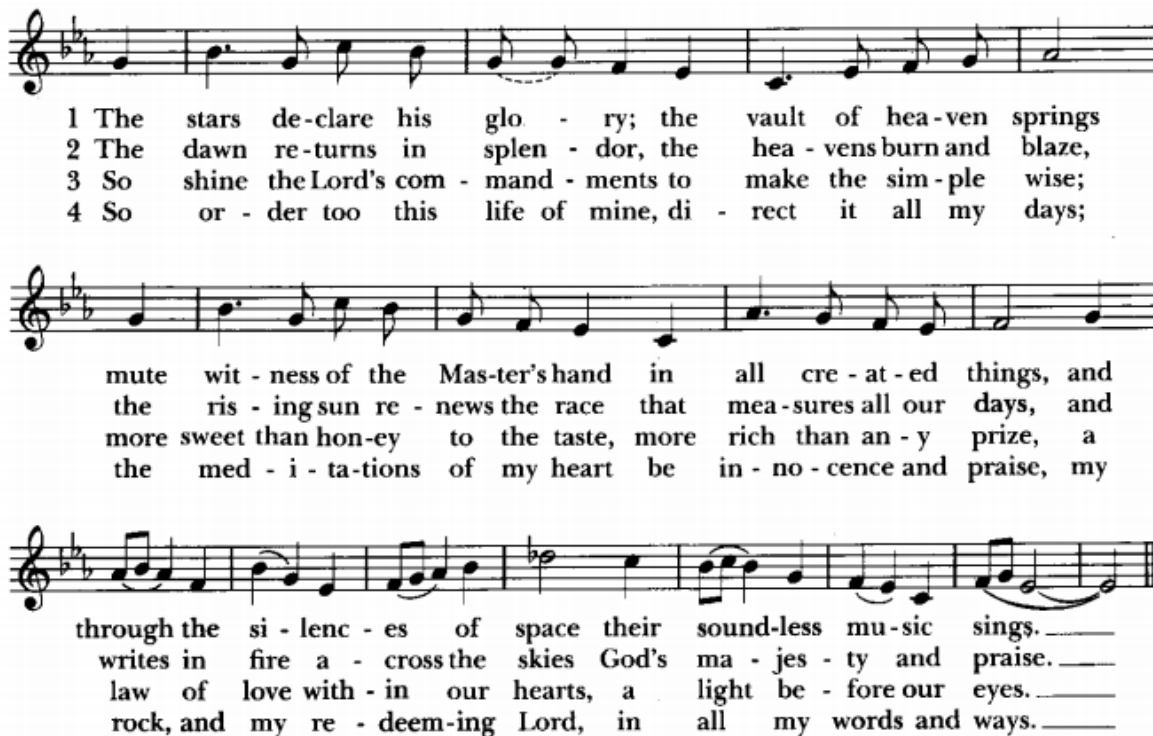
*Your gifts are greatly appreciated.*

*On-line giving is always an option. You will find the "Give to St. Paul's" button  
at the top of the St. Paul's website homepage: [www.stpaulspt.org](http://www.stpaulspt.org)*

## Offertory Hymn

The stars declare his glory (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn #431



1 The stars de-clare his glo - ry; the vault of hea-ven springs  
 2 The dawn re-turns in splen - dor, the hea - vens burn and blaze,  
 3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;  
 4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;

mute wit - ness of the Mas-ter's hand in all cre - at - ed things, and  
 the ris - ing sun re - news the race that mea-sures all our days, and  
 more sweet than hon-ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize, a  
 the med - i - ta-tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise, my

through the si - lenc - es of space their sound-less mu-sic sings. \_\_\_\_  
 writes in fire a - cross the skies God's ma - jes - ty and praise. \_\_\_\_  
 law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes. \_\_\_\_  
 rock, and my re - deem-ing Lord, in all my words and ways. \_\_\_\_

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); para. of Psalm 19  
 Music: *Aldine*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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## 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.

## Prayers of the People

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all here in Port Townsend, Jefferson County, Washington State, the United States and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering, especially those we name before you aloud or in our hearts. (PAUSE) Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The cross of Christ is your power for all. Thank you for all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Be with those who grieve and those we remember with thanksgiving. (PAUSE) Give us trust in you in life and in death. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Solemn Prayer over the People

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.

## Closing Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation (vs.1,2)

Hymn #518

Latin, 7th Century

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Tr. by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Arr. by Robert J. Powell

All 1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion,  
All 2. All that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y,  
Choir 3. To this tem - ple, where we call you,  
All 4. Here vouch - safe to all your ser - vants  
\*4. Grant, we pray, to all your peo - ple,  
Christ the head and cor - ner - stone;  
Dear - ly loved of God on high,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, to - day;  
What they ask of you to gain;  
All the grace they ask to gain;  
Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
In ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
With your wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness  
What they gain from you for ev - er  
Bind - ing all the Church in one;  
Pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;  
Hear your ser - vants as they pray,  
With the bless - ed to re - tain,  
Ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er,  
God the One in three a - dor - ing  
And your full - est ben - e - dic - tion  
And here - af - ter in your glo - ry  
And her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
In glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
Shed with - in its walls al - way.  
\*Shed in all its bright ar - ray.  
Ev - er - more with you to reign.

**Dismissal**

*Zoom fellowship to follow the service.*

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### **Worship Team**

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