



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday in Lent ❖ March 15, 2020

Liturgy for Worship ❖ 10:00 a.m.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 **Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 **Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Gospel Reading John 4:5-42

Deacon A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not

your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

The Homily The Rev. David H. May

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

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**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 look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

The Prayers of the People

Leader In this holy season of Lent, we remember our mothers and fathers in the faith, the children of Israel who wandered in the wilderness; we are wandering too, trusting that we like them are your beloved children and with all our hearts say,

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult right now:

(Silence.)

Leader We hold before God all those who are sick or suffering especially during this worldwide outbreak of illness, that each may know the comfort of your loving, healing Spirit.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God all doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and all care-givers, all public health officials and those whose wisdom is needed to guide us towards renewed health and life.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God all those who may be especially vulnerable and who may be lost or forgotten, that the Spirit of the Good Shepherd may be alive among your people and bring them home.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God all those who hold the public trust as our elected representative and leaders, that you would endue them with your wisdom and love, for the benefit of the whole human family and for your glory.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God this parish family and the mission of your Church throughout the world, that you would knit us together in the powerful bonds of your love that draw your Kingdom near.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader We hold before God those who are disappointed in something for which they hope for very much, and for those who are sad because someone they loved has died, especially remembering Rick Wheeler, and all those who we remember before you.

People **The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear.**

Leader O God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Rachel and Leah, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, lead your people through this wilderness again, give us grace to know that you are our God and we are your people, and shine upon us the light of your countenance that we may be still and know that you are God. Amen.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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.

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**



Here is a collect that you may find speaks for your heart in this time of uncertainty, and is food for your soul during this season of Lent.

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

--*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 461



The Parish Prayer List

Lacy Slabaugh Abbott, Jane Anderson, Bill Ashe, Agnes Atwill, Maggie Bassett, Charles Bryan, Barbro Caperton, Elizabeth Cary, Bill Collins, Nick Costas, Kendall Cray, Elaine Crisskus and family, Ann Robertson Davis, Betty Dixon, Stacy Dove, Melissa Evans, Ralph Fisher, Kristine Fitzgerald, Jim Frye, Laura Gilliam, Gordon Graham, Howen Greeley, Frank Grier, Bettsy Heggie, Lolly Hetherington, *Cindy and Dave Horowitz*, Donna Marie Joy, Betty and Clyde Lamond, Terry Lardizabel, Ross Mackenzie, Katherine Mezger, George Moncure, Dover Moore, Harry Moore, Wende Patton, Alex Peavey, Randy Reynolds, Susan Reynolds, Elizabeth Romeo, Lori Rowland, Kelly Ryan, Shelby Slaughter, Bruce Spain, Josh Spain, John Stallings, Jackson Steele, Emma Grace Stiff, Otissay Thompson, Robin Underwood, Ruby Walton, Addie Waters, Judy Wei, Whitley, Sigrid Whittle, Trish and Gary Wilkins, Jack Williams, William Wilson, and Katherine Youell. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children. For those who have died, especially remembering Rick Wheeler.** **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of England and *The Most Rev. and Right Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury*. **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Stuart Hughes, Jack James, Alec Mackenzie, Alex Newsome, Randy Reynolds III, C. Russell Timmons, and David M. Tonacci.