

Sunday, March 3, 2024 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

~ silence~

HYMN # 176 By the Holy Spirit Sent
Vs 1-4 (*Blue Book)*

Prayer:

- Breathe -
Inhale: I will not grow numb.
Exhale: There is beauty in anger.

Inhale: My truth-telling is a gift.
Exhale: I am free to say so.

Confession:
God of the prophets, we confess that we have demonized anger, confining it to an interior prison instead of granting it time and space to be free, just like any other piece of our selfhood. We have not acted in defense of those who've needed it. We have let fear of how we might be perceived keep us from the truth-telling that others are worthy, that we are worthy. We have ignored anger in our bodies, disguising it with whichever mask feels good to us. We have valued the comfort of the wounder over the dignity of the wounded. Have mercy on us for all that suppression has stolen from us. Forgive us our emotional numbness and grant us access to safe rage, collective rage, a rage that liberates. Amen.

(Silence)

Words of Forgiveness

Kyrie Eleison
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 19
Reader: Helen Barry
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O God, my rock and my redeemer.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 2 Tree of Life
Vs 1, 3, 4 and verse marked 3rd Sunday in Lent
(*Lent Hymn booklet)*

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: John 2: 13-22
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Choir Anthem: Adoramus Te Christie

Prayers of The People: *Carol Gardiner*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 3 Return to God
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

The Eucharistic Prayer
God is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you,……
…as we sing:

Holy, holy, holy God source of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy God source of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, …...
…...the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Therefore, loving God, …...
…...now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight.
Juleta Severson-Baker

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Sung Agnus Dei:
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

HYMN # 68 We Hold the Death of the Lord
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN # 14 What Wondrous Love is This
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

Benediction:

The Dismissal