

THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT
(YEAR B)

March 7th, 2021

Morning Prayer Service

10:30 am



Saint Patrick Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop

The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest in Charge

Janie Cain, Senior Warden

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Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, "Lord, open our lips"), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles' Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

- Using a sacred space or home altar can add a positive and spiritually centered connection to the service. For more information on creating altars and sacred spaces, please visit our "Worship at Home" webpage and scroll to the resources at the bottom.
- As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence
- We will be uploading this service to our "Worship at Home" page at 10:30 am on Sunday, as well as our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

"We Have Been Told"

Gather #699

Refrain:

We have been told, we've seen his face, and
heard his voice a - live in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart,
as the Fa - ther has loved me, so I have loved
you."

Verses:

1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and all who
live in me will bear great fruit." D.C.

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com - mands,
3. "No great-er love is there than this: to
no long - er slaves, I call you friends."
lay down one's life, for a friend." D.C.

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 76

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *(Daniel 9:9, 10)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

BCP 81

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

JUBILATE

Psalm 100

BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.



Lord, you have the words of ev-er-last-ing life.



1. The law of the Lord is per-fect, re - fresh-ing the soul; the



Lord's rule is to be trust-ed, the sim-ple find wis-dom.



2. The fear of the Lord is ho-ly, a - bid-ing for ev-er; the de-



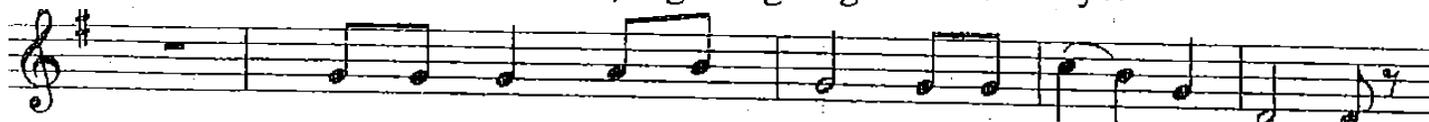
crees of the Lord are true, all of them just.



3. The pre-cepts of the Lord are right, they glad-den the heart, the com-



mand of the Lord is clear, giv-ing light to the eye.



4. They are worth more than gold, than the fin-est gold,



sweet-er than hon-ey, than hon-ey from the comb.



Lord, you have the words of ev-er-last-ing life.

THE WORD OF GOD

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 14

*A Song of Penitence – Kyrie Pantokrator
Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:**

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
 You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
 In your great goodness, Lord,
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
 Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
 Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
 in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 19

*The Song of the Redeemed – Magna et mirabilia
 Revelation 15:3-4*

BCP 94

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
 great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Chris Brannock

MEDITATION HYMN

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Breaking Bread #601

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2:

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your Word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Verse 3:

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Verse 4:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Verse 5:

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

THE APOSTLES'S CREED

BCP 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

BCP 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGE B

BCP 98

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 98

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

We pray for our country and world as we continue to bring this pandemic under control. We thank you for the vaccines that are now available, and we pray for patience as we await our time to receive it. Grant all people Wisdom, Compassion and Hope as they make safe and healthy choices for their life and the lives of others.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For Those Who Live Alone

BCP 829

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Protection

BCP 832

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes with the following:

EPHESIANS 3:20,21

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

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -
way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the
world is a - bout to turn!

Verses

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sign on your servants plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.