

Sunday, March 7, 2010

The Third Sunday in Lent

THE MUSIC

Prelude: Fantasia in C-minor...Bach

Opening Hymn: *God is Love* #379

Gradual Hymn: *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* #474

Presentation of Offerings: Doxology #380 vs.3

Communion: Forty Days & Forty Nights...Peter Christian Lutkin

Post Communion Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
(Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me Now, O Great Jehovah* #690

Postlude: March in D...Alexander Guilmant

THE LECTIONARY

The Collect of the Day

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.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

The First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM Who I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall

and Anointing of the Sick are blessed and distributed for local use. The entire membership of the diocese is welcome and urged to attend. A luncheon follows. RSVP with your Rector two weeks prior.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—March 28, 2010

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist With Blessing of Palm &
Church School Bake Sale

Maundy Thursday—April 1, 2010

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with The Washing of Feet

Good Friday—April 2, 2010 [Day of Fasting and Prayer]

7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil—April 3, 2010

7:00 PM The Holy Vigil and Lighting of The New Fire

Easter Day—April 4, 2010

SPCA COLLECTION During the season of Lent we are collecting items for the SPCA. Many things are needed. Towels, animal food, cleaning supplies, office supplies, and batteries are a few of the things they have requested. A detailed Wishlist is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and donations can be placed on the bookshelf. Questions? See Jean Gale.

THE ECW will meet on Wednesday, March 17th (3rd Wednesday of the month), at 10:30 a.m. and the program for the day will be preparing the Easter gifts for our parish shut-ins and twenty nursing home patients. If you would like to contribute some individually wrapped candies/sweets, it would be most welcome. Please place any sweets in the "Snowman popcorn tin" on the kitchen counter. Thank you...and remember, all ladies of Prince of Peace are invited to join our meetings and lunches that follow.

EASTER FLOWERS Orders Forms are now available for Easter Flowers. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 21.

MINISTERS

Celebrant The Reverend John Major

Organist Bernard Gardzalla

Lector / Intercessor Tara Gwilliam

Eucharistic Minister Bev Cushner

Acolytes Chris Dillon, Matthew Dillon,
Jessica Martin

Ushers / Oblationers Linda Shrader & Dennis Llewellyn

Altar Guild Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout

Vestry Counter George Gwilliam

say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9 (*Stand & Face the Gospel*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in

this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME We are pleased you have come to worship with us today. If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak to an Usher or someone seated near you.

PRAYER LIST Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially: *Heather, Jack, Sarah, Matt, Debbie, Hennie, Brian, Hans, Karen, Therese, Matt, Shane, Patti, Justin, Dan, John, Charlie, Dawn, Patrick, Kathleen, Thelma, Bonnie, Specialist Robert Price & Kyle.*

REFLECTION ON THE LESSONS Hard lessons in these days of Lent...reminders that although we are gifted to be called God's own, there are expectations. How do the Holy Habits of prayer, study, generous giving, and regular corporate worship help us, in the Lord's name, to be fruit-bearing rather than barren and unproductive?

VESTRY NEWS Special thanks go to our outgoing Vestry Members Dan Plashinski, Carl Goeringer and David Wright for their service. The Parish welcomes Christopher Dillon, Karen Atkinson, and Ed Dreisbach as the newest Vestry Members, elected by the Parish at last week's Annual Meeting.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SOUP SUPPER**

This Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Simple Soup & Bread Meal 6 pm
Stations of the Cross 7 pm

CHRISM MASS The annual Chrism Mass is held this year on Thursday, March 25th, at Nativity Cathedral, Bethlehem beginning at 11 AM. The clergy of the diocese gather to renew their ordination vows and the new oils utilized in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Ordination