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The Third Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2008

10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: *"There is a green hill far away"* Horsley Hymn-tune William Horsley (1774-1858) arr. C.S. Lang

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Opening Hymn: *"Rock of ages, cleft for me"* Toplady Hymnal 685

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue *(The Decalogue is said, the people kneeling.)*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant continues

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant then says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Priest, stands and says 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 Word of God

Lord, have mercy - Hymnal S 96

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people 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.*

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

Exodus 17:1-7

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.

Psalm 95 Venite, exultemus

- 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."

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: "My song is love unknown" Love unknown Hymnal 458 verses 1-3

THE GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 (The People Stand)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon — The Reverend Mary Lou Divis

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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 acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (*Form III*)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

We pray for Dale, grant him eternal rest, let light perpetual shine upon him and may his soul, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Wayne, Gideon, Martha & the Jones Family. For all of those who travel, especially Jean Gale.

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Senior Choir Anthem: *"Seek the Lord"* Based on Isaiah 55:67 R. Hadler/Lois M. Emig

Presentation Of Offerings: "Lord, I Want You To Touch Me" LEVAS 140 verse 1

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 125

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

The Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God* —Hymnal S 165

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Congregational Communion Hymn: "Jesus, keep me near the cross" LEVAS 29
Fanny J. Crosby (1839-1929)/William H. Doane (1813-1877)

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "My faith looks up to thee" Olivet Hymnal 691

Postlude: "Fount of Every Blessing" Maestoso Ellen J. Lorenz
Based on the Early American Folk Tune, "Hallelujah," 1813, later known as Nettleton.

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Dale Jones.

This Morning's Ministers

Celebrant	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon / Preacher	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Christopher Dillon, Lindsey Jacobs, Matthew Dillon
Lector	Hugh Kelley
Intercessor	David Wright
Eucharistic Minister	Hugh Kelley
Ushers / Oblationers	Sandy Sheehan, George Yatsko
Altar Guild	Heather Hules, Lisa Kasarda
Vestry Counter	George Gwilliam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 24, 2008 ✠ The Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

Here is some information to assist you with this morning's service.

- Our service is printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
- The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at either end of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace") is located in the pew rack.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

PHOTO PRESENTATION Dave Dillon will presenting photos from his recent Photo Safari in Tanzania after the 10:00 am service next Sunday. Please join us.

THE WATCH OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENTS A sign up sheet for the overnight watch which runs from Maundy Thursday (following the service) through Good Friday (at 3:00 pm) is now available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please sign up as you are able. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Stevenson or Deacon Lou.

FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

Worship 6:00 pm

February 29—Order of Worship for Evening
March 7—Family Night, Stations of the Cross for Youth
March 14—To Be Determined

Soup Supper

Please sign up in the Parish House to bring Soup or Bread

Educational Series: "Why We Worship the Way We Do"

Father Stevenson will lead this series. If you have one or more questions on why we worship the way we do, please write them on the paper in the pews and place them in the plate OR email the [church office](#) with your question(s) about our worship.

Each Friday, we will use a different form of worship, so we can experience more of the beautiful liturgy in our Prayer Book.

Please take a little extra time for prayer and reflection this Lent by joining us on Friday evenings.

FAMILY NIGHT Friday, March 7 will be Family Night at the “Friday Nights in Lent” series. The service at 6:00 pm will be Stations of the Cross for Youth & Families. The service will be followed by a light supper and educational activities for youth and adults.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS NEEDED It’s hard to believe it is almost Easter time!! The Sunday School is asking for donations of small wrapped candy to fill the Easter eggs and larger items to be given as prizes. Donations are needed by Sunday March 16th. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions or would like to help.

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, this morning, 9:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School**, this morning, 10:00 am.
- ...**Property Commission Meeting**, today following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Photo Presentation by Dave Dillon**, this morning following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**Church Cleaning**, Monday, February 25, 9:00 am—noon.
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, February 26, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, February 28, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, February 29, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ... “**Friday Nights in Lent**” Friday February 29, 6:00 pm—7:45 pm.
- ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 pm (note time change!)
- ...**Family Night at “Friday Nights in Lent”**, Friday March 7, 6:00 pm.
- ...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms**, Sunday March 16 8:00 & 10:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School Bake Sale**, March 16 following both services.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Potluck**, Thursday March 20, 6:00 pm.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Liturgy**, Thursday March 20, 7:30 pm.
- ...**Overnight Watch of the Reserved Sacrament**, Thursday March 20—Friday March 21.
- ...**Good Friday Liturgy**, Friday March 21, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 22**, 7:00 pm at St Paul’s Lutheran.
- ...**Easter Sunday Services**, Sunday March 23 8:00 & 10:00 am
- ...**Children’s Easter Egg Hunt**, Sunday, March 23 following the 10:00 am service

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!