

Sunday, March 7, 2021 Liturgy

The Third Sunday of Lent

Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Welcoming Words

Entrance Procession in Silence

The Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant and people pray together

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.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant God spoke these words and said:

I am the LORD your God.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write
all these, your laws, in our hearts,
we beseech you.**

Exodus 20:1-17¹; Deuteronomy 5:6-21¹

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

**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 Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy [© 2019 Getty Music Hymns]

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on us

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on us

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading: Exodus 20:1-21

A reading from the book of Exodus, beginning at chapter 20, verse 1

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of

the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” ²¹ The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

7

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the | soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the | simple;

8

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the | heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the | eyes;

9

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for- | ever;

the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous alto- | gether.

10

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine | gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the | honeycomb.

11

Moreover, by them is your servant | warned;
in keeping them there is great re- | ward.

12

Who can discern his | errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden | faults.

13

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous | sins;
let them not have dominion over | me!
Then I shall be | blameless,
and innocent of great trans- | gression.

14

Let the words of my | mouth
and the meditation of my | heart
be acceptable in your | sight,
O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The Second Reading: Romans 7:12-25

A reading from the letter to the Romans, beginning at chapter 7, verse 12

¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to

the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Gradual Song – Speak O Lord (© 2005 Thankyou Music)

Before the Gospel

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take your truth plant it deep in us;
shape and fasten us in your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gradual Song – Speak O Lord (© 2005 Thankyou Music)

After the Gospel

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father [and the Son] is worshiped
and glorified,*
who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For *Foley*, our Archbishop, and *Keith*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially *Joseph*, our president, and *Gavin*, our governor, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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

The Announcements

Celebrant Please be seated for the announcements.

The Offertory

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:15-16

Doxology – (Greer)

*The People stand while the offerings are presented. The **Doxology** may be said or sung.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Sursum Corda

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

The Sanctus – (Greer)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,

hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name,

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together 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.

The Fraction

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, once for
all upon the cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together say

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful
Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;**

**but you are the same Lord,
whose character is always to have mercy.**

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to
drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

Amen.

The Agnus Dei – (Jessurun)

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

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.

While communion is being distributed, the following song is sung:

Communion Song – Amazing Grace H671
(© The Church Pension Fund)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

Communion Song – Refiner’s Fire **(© 1990 Mercy/Vineyard)**

Purify my heart, let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my Master
ready to do your will.

Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you my Master,
ready to do your will.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given
us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Lenten Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our
whole heart:

that desiring you, we may seek you;

and that seeking you, we may find you;

and that finding you, we may love you;

and that loving you, we may hate those sins from
which you have delivered us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song – I Will Glory in My Redeemer
(© 2001 Sovereign Grace Worship)

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**