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Holy Eucharist, Penitential Rite I
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"* J. S. Bach

Introit *"The Lord is the strength of my life"* Psalm 25

Processional Hymn (standing) *"Kind Maker of the world"* Hymn 152

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins; BCP 319
People His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison Sung

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus (20:1-7).

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the /glory of /God, *
and the firmament /shows his handi/work.
- 2 One day tells its tale /to a/nother, *
and one night imparts /knowledge to a/nother.
- 3 Although they have no /words or /language, *
and their /voices are not/ heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out in/to all /lands, *
and their message /to the ends of the /world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion /for the /sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion/ to run its /course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the /end of it a/gain; *
nothing is hidden /from its burning/ heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and re/vives the /soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and /gives wisdom to the /innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and re/joyce the /heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and /gives light to the /eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and en/dures for /ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and /righteous alto/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than /much fine /gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than /honey in the /comb.
- 11 By them also is your /servant en/lightened, *
and in keeping them /there is great re/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how /often he of/fends? *
cleanse me /from my secret /faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do/minion over /me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent /of a great of/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable /in your /sight, *
O Lord, my /strength and my re/deemer.



Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*standing*) *"From deepest woe I cry to thee"* Hymn 151

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (2:13-22).
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon	<i>Seated</i>	The Rev. John Adams
The Nicene Creed	<i>Standing</i>	BCP 327

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all
worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the
Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;

 and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the
Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the
Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins; and I look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Joe, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, and Vivian*. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem "Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts" Henry Purcell

The Doxology (*standing*) (text below) Hymnal 380, v. 3

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus Sung

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name
 of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant**Kneeling or standing*

BCP 334 - 336

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen*.

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

Celebrant and people

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*.

Agnus Dei Sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

Celebrant and People

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 are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice

Communion Chant	<i>"Praise befits the upright"</i>	Luke 15, Psalm 33
Communion Hymn	<i>"Let thy Blood in mercy poured"</i>	Hymn 313

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

No flowers during Lent

Pray today for the Youth of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, our Canon for Christian Formation, Pattie Ames, and our Canon for Evangelism & Youth, Jenni Faires. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, "For RDF".

Sunday Bible Study Our Sunday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:30 am in the Parish House with a short read through the Letters of John.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible Study continues our read through the Gospel of Luke on March 4 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House; this week, we will look at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry (Luke 4:14-44).

Wednesday Eucharists

At Noon on Wednesdays, the Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building).

Lenten Program

This year's Lenten Program is about Prayer, considering why we pray, why we should regularly pray together and individually, and discussing (and occasionally practicing) how we pray. We will meet in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on Sundays (March 3, 10, and 17), with a light lunch of soup and bread preceding the program.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch

After a multi-year hiatus, several Martinsville churches (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal) are again getting together to offer a Lenten program. Each Thursday in Lent (February 15 - March 21), we are invited to a different church at Noon for lunch and a Lenten devotion offered by the pastor.

Schedule:

- 4) Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional): March 7th
- 5) First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peeples of FHPC, Devotional): March 14th
- 6) Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional): March 21st

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **March: Dish detergent. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Chalicers: Beverly Lyle, Natalie Coleman

Acolyte:

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Gus Barber, John Swezey, Ben Lewis

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Altar Guild Team #3: Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler, Kaye Woodz (Susan Critz - flower substitute)

Counters: Jay Dickens, Natalie Coleman

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

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Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

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