



Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020
8:00 & 10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship in the Episcopal tradition to the Northwest Valley. Our service follows the *Book of Common Prayer* which includes a sermon and the administration of Holy Communion as outlined in this service bulletin. Hymn numbers are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*; hymn numbers preceded by the letter “L” are found in the red and black hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Following the 8:00 AM service please join us for Bible study in Paine Hall. Following the 10:00 AM service you are welcome to join us for food and fellowship in Paine Hall. *Thank you for being with us for worship today, and again: Welcome to Advent!*

Prelude (10:00am)

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn H 690

All standing, the Celebrant says BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant then says

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.”

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 pronounces an absolution

Trisagion (8:00 said, 10:00 sung, 3x) S 102

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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.**

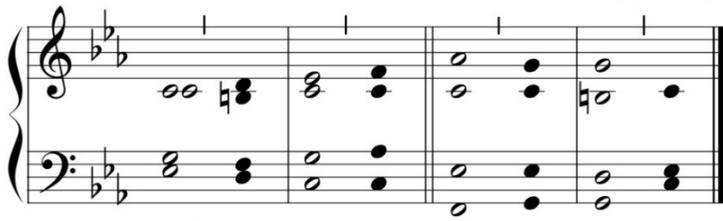
Hebrew Scripture Exodus 17:1-7

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.

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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Psalm 95 S 414

- 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."

The Epistle

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.**

Sequence Hymn

H 685

Gospel (*The people remained seated.*)

Today's Gospel will be told in reader's theatre fashion, honoring the storytelling-based origin of the Gospels. The teller introduces the story with the following or similar words:

Teller This is a story about Jesus according to the Gospel of John.
(3:1-17, p. 968 in pew Bible.)

At the conclusion of the story, the teller says

Teller This is the story of our people
People **And what a story it is!**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People, Form III BCP 387

Peace (All Stand)

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem/Hymn

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation and blessing of the gifts (8:00 said)

All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.

Presentation Hymn (10:00 sung) H 705 (Stz. 3)
(Tune: Kingsfold)

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity. O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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 sung or 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 (8:00 said, 10:00 sung)

S 124

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.

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.**

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

(A period of silence is kept)

Fraction Anthem

8:00 said Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:00 sung S 161

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.***

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come to the altar rail when directed by the usher. You may kneel or stand to receive communion.

It is not sacramentally necessary to receive in both kinds the bread and the wine in order to make a full communion. A worshiper's individual health needs may preclude taking either the bread or the wine.

To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine (or both) cross your arms over your chest to signify your desire for a blessing.

Communion Anthem or Hymn L 29

L 89

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

Closing Hymn

H 686

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



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