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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People ***His mercy endureth forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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The Confession and Absolution

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Lord, have mercy upon us

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THE WORD OF GOD

We Listen to God's Word

The Collect for the Day and Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett Perine

We Proclaim Our Belief

The Nicene Creed

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We Offer Prayers of Intercession, and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of the People

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We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.

We Proclaim Our Faith

The Eucharistic Prayer I

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We Come Before God to Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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O Lamb of God

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The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine

The Communion

We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Lenten Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude:

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession

Opening Hymn #686 "Come thou font of every blessing"

Nettleton

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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The Confession and Absolution

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Kyrie: S-86 "Kyrie"

Hurd

The words "Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison" (meaning "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy") come from the Greek liturgy and harken back to the earliest Christian liturgies which were celebrated in the Greek language.

THE WORD OF GOD

We Listen to God's Word

The Collect for the Day

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Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

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The Prayers of the People Form IV

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We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Offertory Hymn #685 "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.
The ushers collect the offering of gifts and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

Toplady

We Proclaim Our Faith

The Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sanctus: #S-129 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

The Lord's Prayer

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We Come Before God to Share Communion

The Breaking of the Bread: **"Jesus, remember me"** (*Sung 3 times*)

Taize

Jesus Remember Me
Ostinato Refrain

Je- sus, re- mem- ber me when you come in- to your King- dom.
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The Invitation to Communion (*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*)

The Communion

The Communion Anthem:

We Are Sent Out Into the World

The Post Communion Prayer

The Lenten Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

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Closing Hymn #522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Austria

Postlude:

*During Lent, a Service for Healing will follow the conclusion of the Holy Eucharist.
After the dismissal, anyone who wishes to participate in this service is invited to gather at the altar rail
for a time of silent prayer and meditation.*

A SERVICE FOR HEALING

A Word about the Ministry of Healing

The ministry of healing is part of the sacramental life of the Episcopal Church and all people, whether baptized or not, are welcome to come and receive this sacrament.

This sacrament emerges from our belief that the love of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit has the power to heal our emotional, physical and spiritual suffering.

Although we may ask for a specific healing, we realize that it is God who decides how this healing is to occur. Healing may come to us in the form of physical recovery, emotional well-being or spiritual wholeness.

The power of the healing service lies not with our expectation of results, but rather with our desire to allow the Spirit of God who dwells within us to transform our lives and help us to accept the healing power of God's love.

Celebrant O God, be in our hearts and on our lips as we come before you seeking your healing love.

Silence is kept

Celebrant Friends in Christ, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself on behalf of someone or for a crisis in the world, I invite you to receive the laying on of hands. Jesus says, "Come to me all who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, we who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, we who are broken in body or in spirit, we who feel deeply within ourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

*Those who wish for laying-on of hands and anointing for healing may come forward.
When all have received the sacrament of healing, the celebrant continues.*

Celebrant God of compassion and love,
People **We offer you all of our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces of our lives. Glory to God, from whom all love flows; glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering; and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.**

Celebrant God love you and have mercy on you; through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. In the name of the Lover of Souls, the Beloved, and the Love that exists between them, may the peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Go in peace, giving thanks for the healing power of God's love.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service: If you are looking to find some quiet time or time devoted to a simple Lenten discipline, please consider joining us during Lent for our Wednesday evening service. It begins at 7 p.m. with the Way of the Cross - a prayerful procession around the church, stopping at various "stations at crosses" to reflect on aspects of Jesus walk to the cross, death and burial. This is followed by our normal evening Communion service which includes a service of laying-on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. Periods of silence will be maintained throughout the service for those wishing to make "Being Silent with God" part of their Lenten discipline (please see last page of bulletin).

Feel free to contact Father Perry for more information.

PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS ~ MARCH 19, 2017

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Barbara Parkyn
in celebration of the birthday of Ashlee Marie Perkins.*

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Stephen Fisk (3/19), Walter Marino (3/20), Robin Messenger (3/23), Peter Bradley (3/23), Ashlee Perkins (3/24)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; ECCT common life and common resources; ECCT Program & Budget Committee

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of March 19: Gloria Duval and family; Edward Murray, Susie, Henry Jones, Sam Docker, Michael Docker, Nicole, Janet Kay, Brian, Taylor Benson and Brian Benson, Kara Perriolat, The Caprara Family; Dianne Sayers, Mark and Linda Sayers Reynolds; Dawn; Christina; Sandra Hastings; The MacDonough Family; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Flo Columbe, Carolyn Asmuth, Caitlin Stevens, Richard MacRobbie, Janice Griffiths, Connie Rich, Mike Duval, Dianne Sayers, Donna Doyker and Marissa Garcia; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Dianna Tedesco; the Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

Prayers added the week of March 12: Briant Marsh; Sienna Roper; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

Prayers added the week of March 5: Jeremy, Gareth Bromell, Liz, John, Kathleen, Bill & June, Wendy, Sienna Roper; Phil Patros; Dianne Sayers; Jennifer, Frank Tomlinson; Derek, Nicky and Jackie, Cheryl F., Matt; Jules Bessette; Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; Dorothy; Dick Sage, Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil & Annie; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton; Louis Schluntz;

We pray for all caregivers who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement due to war and natural disaster;

We pray for all with financial problems; those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

We pray for law enforcement officers.

We pray for healing and peace.

We pray for our whole nation: for peace, non-violence, and healing

We pray for our service men and women throughout the world.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Norene Albert and Father Robert Duval.

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.

Stewardship Corner

Our Vision: "Welcoming all. Serving our Community. Connecting with Others"

A life of Stewardship has as its foundation acts of generous giving. As part of our vision statement, "Serving Our Community" describes our intent to extend our generosity outward into the communities in which we live.

"Serving our Community" Locally and throughout the World

Chocolate Bars Become Gifts for Life!

Our church school children have chosen to support those in need around the globe through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund's "Gifts for Life" program. Specifically, they chose three items to raise funds for - chickens, clean water, and fruit trees that will be distributed among people in need throughout the world. The children will be selling chocolate bars at coffee hour after church throughout Lent (so no giving up chocolate this year). The cost is \$2 per bar, or 3 bars for \$5. Please consider giving the gift of life by supporting their fundraiser.

- **The Food donations in March are designated for the Lebanon Food pantry.**
- **We are also always accepting clothing, magazines (cut off the address label, please), kitchen utensils and items for personal hygiene for the Brooklyn Bridge project which helps men recently released from prison to re-enter society.**
- **The No-freeze Project, also out of Willimantic aims to help homeless persons with temporary shelter as well as the following:**
 - Non Instant Coffee, Sweetener, Non-Dairy Creamer, Hot Chocolate, Paper products,
 - Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins.
 - Vinyl or plastic Pillow case covers
 - Coffee cups (small size, disposable)
 - Plastic utensils (spoons/forks)
 - Socks (white preference)
 - Men's boxer shorts all sizes
 - Women's briefs – all size
 - Razor blades
 - Shaving Creme
 - Toothbrushes
 - Deodorant
 - Women's hygiene products (pads, tampons)
 - Plastic soap saver boxes
 - Sweat pants/shirts (med/large/Xtra/XXtra large)
 - Laundry detergent (powder)
 - Floor and bathroom cleaner
 - Office supplies – Call to see what are needs are
 - Gift Cards to Stop & Shop, BJ's Walmart, Staples and Home Depot of any value.

Opportunities to Serve Locally: St. Peter's is looking for individuals who are interested in representing our parish in two local initiatives: Hebron area Hunger Task Force and WAIM (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry). If you are interested in either of these opportunities and would like more information, please contact me or one of our wardens: Rob Mangiafico and Barb Parkyn. **Please note: If you are already serving your community by volunteering your time, we would like to know about it!**

Fr. Perry

Parish News

Fr. Bob Duval – Our former Rector, Fr. Robert Duval passed away on Monday March 13th in Allentown, PA where he has resided since his retirement. His funeral will be in Allentown. If anyone would like to send a note to his wife, her address is: Gloria Duval, 3121 St. Stephen's Lane, Allentown, PA 18052.

Easter Flower signup - *Altar Flowers for Easter*



There is now a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the purchase of Easter Flowers to be used to decorate the church on Easter morning as Memorials or Thanksgivings for special blessings, please write your information clearly on the sign-up form so it can be put in the Easter flower booklet with no mistakes. Lilies, tulips, daffodils, hydrangeas and pansies will all be available, as usual. Checks should be made out to St. Peters Church, and put in the envelope in church or given to Claire in the office (not placed in the offertory box, please). If you have any questions, please contact the office or speak with Marcia or Chuck Eaton.

Women's Club - The next meeting of the St. Peter's Women's Club will be held on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 at Audrey Gasper's home, 68 Hall Road, Hebron. We'd like to set up work sessions for St. Nicholas Fair projects. If you have a good idea for a project, bring it with you! If you know of an event we might enjoy, bring that info, too! You can call Audrey at 860-228-0201 for directions or more info. Come join us for good food and good conversation. Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, April 23rd** will be a 'Youth Sunday' celebration at the 10 a.m. service, including the annual church school **Easter Pageant**, featuring special music sung by the church school children under the direction of Rodican Rose Bonn. That afternoon we will have a **celebration of St. Peter's and Father Perry's retirement** in Phelps Hall. More details to follow soon.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), an ecumenical fun-filled week for children (ages K-6), will be held at Gilead Congregational Church from July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30. Our theme this year is "Hero Central: Discovering your Strength in God". The mascot is Flame the Red Panda. Super Hero costumes, songs, arts and crafts, fun decorations, snacks, and another great missions project are on tap for this year.

Around the Diocese

THINK SUMMER!

**Camp Washington has issued its brochures for summer youth camp.
They are on the table at the back of the church.**

Spring Training Event - April 1! The Diocese is sponsoring its annual Spring Training Event on Saturday, April 1 at Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Workshop categories include Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy, Stewardship and Worship. Several Vestry members will attend and invite any parishioners to join them. More information with links to Workshop Booklet and Registration may be found at: <https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/>

Today: Concert with Josh Ziemski playing in Norwich!

On March 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich our organist and choir director, Josh Ziemski will be joining the Norwich Diocesan Choir and "Celticity" (a Celtic trio consisting of classical guitar, flute, and voice) in a Celtic Concert on St. Patrick's day weekend. Admission is free.

St. Patrick's is located at 213 Broadway in Norwich.

LENT HAS BEGUN!

Here are the services at St. Peter's during Lent:

Sundays in Lent at 8 and 10: Holy Eucharist beginning with the Penitential Rite. A Healing Service will be offered after each Eucharist for those who desire prayers for healing.

Wednesday evenings in Lent: Services start at 7 p.m. in the church with the "Way of the Cross" (an Episcopal version of the "Stations of the Cross") to be followed by our regular Communion service with healing liturgy.

Holy Week services:

April 9 @ 8 & 10: Liturgy of the Palms: Sunday of the Passion with Passion Gospel in parts

April 10 & 11: No services - the Church will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for private devotion

April 12 @ 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

April 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal with Foot Washing Liturgy

@ 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Stripping of the Altar

April 13 @ 9 p.m. thru April 14 @ 12 noon: Prayer Vigil (Reading through the New Testament)

April 14 @ 12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with the Passion according to John

April 15 @ 7:30 p.m. the Great Vigil of Easter with Confirmation at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford

Something new this year!

We have added a Prayer Vigil to our Holy Week offerings. Following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy we are providing an opportunity for families and individual parishioners of St. Peter's to help us read through the New Testament which recounts the life of Jesus and the birth and coming of age of the Church. The Vigil begins at 9 pm on Thursday evening and continues through 12 noon on Friday. *More details coming soon!*

Some thoughts to guide us through Lent!

Our Gospel reading today recalls the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop. When the moment is over, Jesus comes off the mountaintop and heads toward Jerusalem where he will enter in glory (Palm Sunday) before being arrested, tried and crucified (The Passion). He does not make the journey alone for he invites his disciple to join him, saying in effect, "Come walk with me." Accordingly, Jesus invites us to join him this Lent, following him on the path that leads to Jerusalem and the cross. That begs the question, "What does it mean to 'Walk with Jesus'?"

Here are some thoughts about practical ways we can walk with Jesus:

- **Spend time in prayer** (carve out a few moments each today be in prayer)
- **Join in worship** (Join us on Sundays for Eucharist followed by a Healing Service for interested parishioners. Join us on Wednesday evenings for Walking the Way of the Cross followed by a Healing Service and Communion.)
- **Simplify our lives** (Have simple meals and reduce "frivolous" spending)
- **Reassess our use of our resources** (Take inventory on what you spend your money on - and what you neglect)
- **Use our time and material resources to help others** (Consider volunteering for one of our fundraisers or local support agencies; increase your pledging to St. Peter's; donate food and personal items to our monthly ingathering; reconnect with people who have been an important part of your life and thank them; take time to listen to others and, when appropriate, offer them your support)
- **Maybe you have some ideas you would like to share! Consider submitting them to Sue Ostrout for inclusion in the Vision or pass them on to the office, to one of the wardens or to Father Perry!**

MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 19 3rd Sunday Lent Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	March 20 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	March 21 Liturgy planning meeting 9:30 am Choir practice 6:30 pm	March 22 Way of the Cross with Communion & Healing Service 7 pm	March 23	March 24 Fr. Perry Day off	March 25
March 26 4th Sunday Lent Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School Girl Scouts (KS)	March 27 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	March 28 Choir practice 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	March 29 Way of the Cross with Communion & Healing Service 7 pm	March 30	March 31 Fr. Perry Day off	April 1 Annual ECCT Spring Training in Meriden
April 2 5^h Sunday Lent Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 10 a.m. Church School	April 3 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	April 4 Choir practice 6:30 pm	April 5 Way of the Cross with Communion & Healing Service 7 pm Buildings and Grounds 7 pm	April 6	April 7 Fr. Perry Day off	April 8
April 9 PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	April 10 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am Church open 7 to 9 pm for devotion	April 11 Choir practice 6:30 pm Church open 7 to 9 pm for devotion	April 12 Tenebrae 7:30 pm	April 13 Agape Meal & Foot-washing 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30 pm Prayer Vigil	April 14 Prayer Vigil continues Good Friday Liturgy 12 noon & 7:30 pm	April 15 The Great Vigil of Easter @ Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford
April 16 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	April 17 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am Vestry Mtg. 7 pm	April 18 Choir practice 6:30 pm	April 19	April 20 Nursing Home visits	April 21	April 22 Stuffed Chicken Breast Dimer
April 23 EASTER 2 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 G. Scouts (KS)	April 24 Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	April 25 Choir practice 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29

The Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament: 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?"

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.

The Gospel: John 4:5-42

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.”