



The Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 3, 2024

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 2

10:00 A.M., MARCH 3, 2024

#### Opening Hymn: #372 “Praise to the Living God”

#### A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People: His mercy endures for ever.*

#### The Decalogue

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Confession of Sin

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#### Absolution

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**The Collect of the Day:** 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 First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

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***

### **The Psalm: Psalm 19**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 Their sound has gone out into 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 again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.**
- 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 enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 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 Anthem**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

## **The Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22**

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 to you, Lord Christ*

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Mark Santostefano**

**The Nicene Creed**

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### **Prayers of the People for Lent**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world God so loves, for peace among all nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him in your work of reconciliation in the world.

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, a sign on earth of the kingdom of God. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network; *The Church of the Province of Uganda*

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff, and Laura our Bishops in CT, for our priest Ron, for Donna and Marge our deacons for all presbyters and deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for all our parish family celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Darlene McDonald (3/5).

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, Kiera Braunwart, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Leader: For the dying and the dead.

*Silence*

God of love, in your mercy,

***People: Hear our prayer.***

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

Priest: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

***People: Amen.***

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**People: And also with you.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn: #685 “Rock of Ages”**

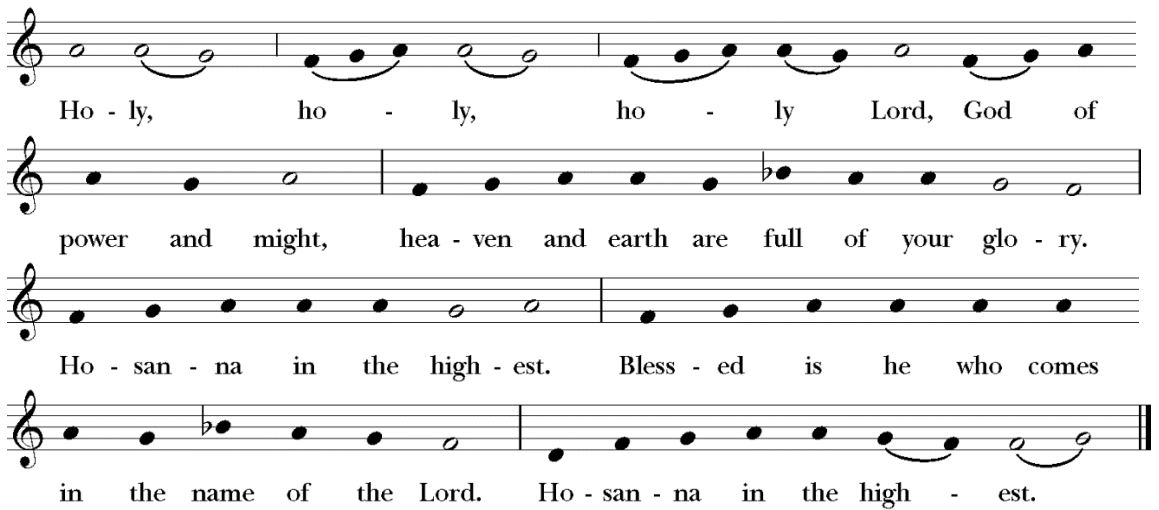
### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

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**Sanctus - #122 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## Fraction Anthem “Jesus Remember Me”



Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Cm Fm/A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom.

Celebrant: 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.

**Communion Music**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"**

**Dismissal**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

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**Remembrances and Thanksgivings for March 3, 2024**

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of CT; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; Prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network; *The Church of the Province of Uganda*

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for all our parish family, especially those who have requested our prayers: Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Kiera Braunwart, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** especially Darlene McDonald (3/5).

**We pray for the deceased.**

## **Continuing Prayer List**

Andy, Jinny, Alexa, Brett Schulki, Wilson, Jeff Baez, Scott Warren, Ashley Joline; Christine Comeau, Christopher Page, Austin Fritz; Sue & Harry Denaker Chris Bendoraitis; Robert Bouchard; Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill, Milton Porter, Steve Dubin, Peggy Cobb, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Noel, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Ron Lamp, Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Louis Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill., Schluntz; Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, the Farren Family.

## **On Going Activities**

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- **Mondays in Lent, 11:00 a.m. A Lenten book discussion, “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life” led by Deacon Donna Gray**
- Cub Scouts: 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- Business Networking International: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Deacon Donna Gray is leading a book discussion on “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life” on Mondays in Lent at 11:00 a.m. in Phelps Hall. All are welcome to join.**

**“Tap into Nature” Sat., March 16 & Sun., March 17 during Hebron’s Maple Fest:** AHM partners with St. Peter’s for this annual event. 25 Pendleton Drive. Raptors (presentations Sat. 11-12:30 & 1:30-3pm); reptiles & amphibians; a Native American display; Hebron Pollinator Pathways display. **Event is free but donations are appreciated.**

**Maple Fest wrap-up at St. Peter's, Sunday, March 17** - After all the "mapling" and the Tractor parade we will switch gears **on Sunday** and host an **Irish cabaret** from **4 pm to 6pm**. The hall will be decorated for St. Patrick's Day. We will have Irish mutton stew, beef stew and Irish soda bread, with BYOB for a light meal. An Irish Celtic Band, The Callithumpians, will entertain us with music and maybe some dancing!

**Don't miss it: This Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 p.m**

## Sanctuary Performing Arts



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