



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent  
8:00 am Morning Prayer

## Opening Hymn *Praise to the living God* (v. 1, 4)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

## Opening Sentence

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people,*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*  
**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 says,*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*        Lord, open our lips  
*People*            And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People,*  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**    *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The First Reading. *Exodus 20:1-17*

A Reading from the Second Book of Exodus.

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.**

## **Canticle 14** A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator*

*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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 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.**

### **Canticle 18** *A Song to the Lamb* *Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

### **The Third Reading** *John 2:13-22*

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**            The Rev. Tracie Little

**Song of Reflection** *Grace Medley, Wyrzten*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People say together,*  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
**creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People,*  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **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.**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

We come before you in our own brokenness, in need of your grace and favor. We trust in the promise you have made to hear our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus.

We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all of your followers, especially those in leadership of your church. Set their hearts on you alone.

*Silence.*

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who struggle with disappointments, with financial insecurities, with grief over lost loved ones, or lost dreams. We pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask for healing for all who suffer.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss.

*Silence.*

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
For all your goodness and loving-kindness  
To us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
And all the blessings of this life;  
But above all for your immeasurable love  
In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
By giving up our selves to your service,  
And by walking before you  
In holiness and righteousness all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son, that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and God's blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Announcements

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