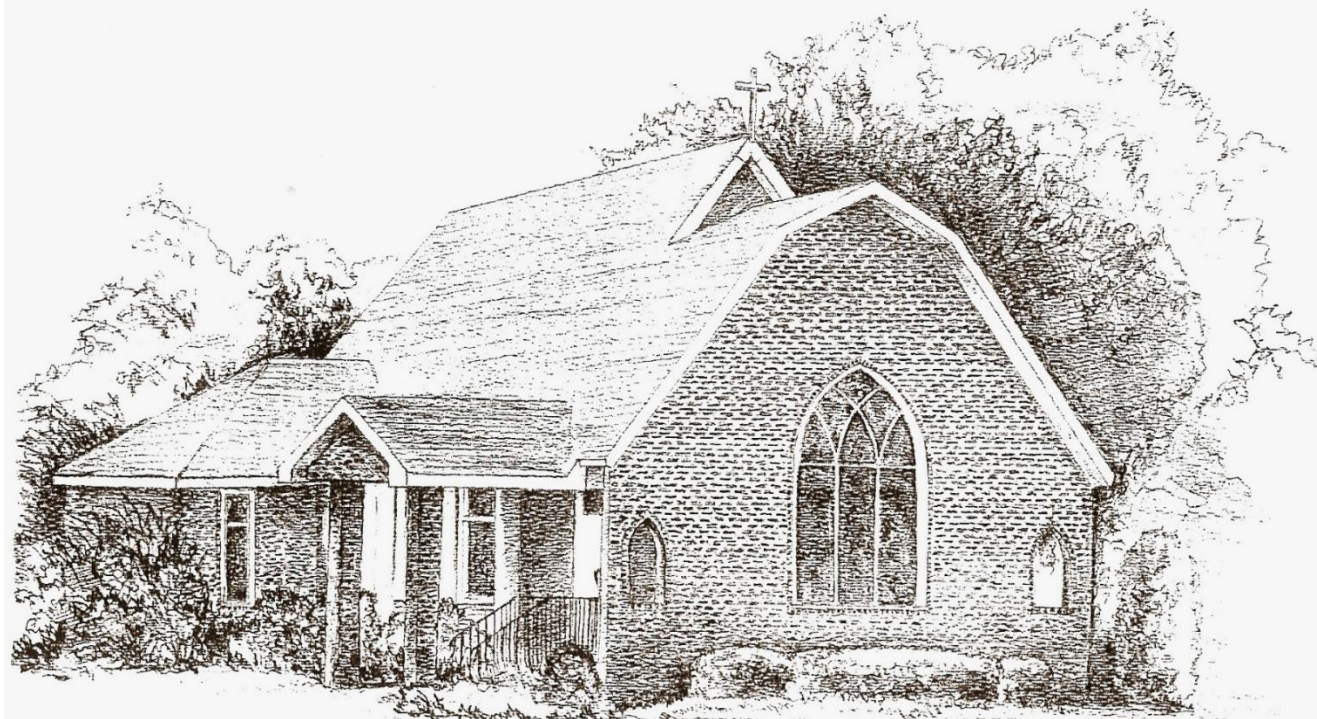


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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

Prelude

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #512

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.**

The Collect of the Day

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.***

Old Testament

A Reading from Book of Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me,

'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Epistle

A reading from First Letter to the Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #635

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:1-9).

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Cn. Don Woodrum

The Nicene Creed

**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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Deacon or Celebrant 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 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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn- 1982 Hymnal- #685

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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 Hymnal 1982 – S130 (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

**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.**

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.***

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

People and Celebrant

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei* **Hymnal 1982- S164**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us you peace, give us your peace

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.

The Communion of the People *(All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine)*

Communion Hymn- Hymnal 1982- #439

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.

Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #411

The Deacon, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

In an effort to keep current needs on the prayer list, names will remain for a month. If you see a name that needs to remain longer, please call or email the church office.

PRAYER LIST The prayers of the parish are requested for: Diane Stiles, Logan Ragans, Patty Ross, Kristin Wickersham, Bart Strang, Rachel Shiver,

Will Carpenter, Larry Wynn, Christopher Ballard, Larry Rambach, Baya Harrison, Fr. Lance Horne, Jack Alger, Bill Kosty, Martha Patton, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Rachel Hingson.

Sustained Illness/Concern: Jan Gurniak, Phyllis & Bill Taylor, Dotty Stone, Jackie Christenson, Darel & Sheryl Burns, Meredith Mobley, Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, Sarah Giddens, Brittany Smith, Kris Cheatham, Doug Helgeson, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families, Tanya Fulgham, and Albert Sutton.

Our soldiers deployed: 868 Engineer Company, Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice.

Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

Pray for our Rector-elect, Fr. Ken Johnstone and family in the immigration process.

Pray for peace in Ukraine

DEACON'S CORNER: Today is Cuba Sunday!!! We have good news today from Mother Tulia. She was able to schedule a conference with Bishop Griselda to talk to her about the possibility of Tulia and her family coming to the US. To her great delight the Bishop was agreeable and offered to help her in any way possible. The Bishop in North Carolina would like to issue an invitation to Mtr. Tulia offering her a position in his diocese. The two Bishops will meet in Texas in March and will talk about a new assignment for Tulia. Please pray that they will be able to accomplish all that is needed for Tulia and her family to come here without delay and in a safe manner. Thank you for all your prayers for Fieles A Jesus during all these years. We will continue to be the companion church for Fieles A Jesus and for whoever their new

rector will be. Right now, Tulia and Osmani are busy getting the water system in the best shape possible. They have had to have some work done and there are still some things that need to be fixed. The part that pumps the water up to the roof failed and Osmani had to run up to the roof with buckets of water to keep the system open and running. That has been fixed, but there are some other minor issues that still need to be repaired. Osmani will teach the new priest about how to maintain the water system as soon as they know who it will be. The US embassy has opened in Havana and Tulia hopes to get an appointment to apply for visas in April. It is a slow process, but we believe God is in it and will provide a way for them to come here safely. Please keep them in your prayers as they plan for this transition in their lives.

DINNER ANGELS The Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a Dinner Angel and prepare a meal, the sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please call/text Shannon McCook for more information 386-208-5741.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES African Team Ministries is offering a virtual display of the African Crafts in place of the normal display they have sent us in the past. Please take a look- St. Luke's has been supporting this ministry for 40 years. The link for the virtual display is <https://africanteamstore.square.site/>

EASTER EGG HUNT: IT'S BACK! The Youth group has graciously offered to fill and hide eggs for the big hunt after the 11:00 service Easter Sunday! Please bring egg sized candy to the Parish Hall by April 3rd to give the Youth time to fill the eggs. Also, don't forget to invite the little ones for Easter.

NEED USHERS FOR Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, and April 24th@11am

Looking ahead at next Sunday, March 27th -

Altar Flowers: Lent- No Flowers

Dinner Angels: Need Volunteer

Altar Duty: Fran & Evelyn

Organ Recording@11am Brantly

Acolyte: Andy@9/Graeson @11

Lectors: Andy & Tony@9/Lee, RuthAnn, Bob S. @11

Ushers: Dick Erskine @9/Bart & Hal@11