

March 7, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Lent



St. David's Episcopal Church
...reaching out to warmly welcome all.

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Opening Song:

“Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer”

Becker & K. Getty

(VERSE 1)

Jesus, draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm.
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn.

When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more.

(CHORUS)

(CHORUS)

May this journey be a blessing,
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake.

(VERSE 3)

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage,
Let me leave them at Your throne.

(CHORUS)

(VERSE 2)

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,
Keep my spirit staid and sure.

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures forever.

The Collect of the Day

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.*

The Epistle

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 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.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Song:

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”

Green

(VERSE 1)

Oh Lord, You’re beautiful.
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

(VERSE 2)

Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear.

(BRIDGE)

I want to take Your Word and shine it all around,
First help me just to live it, Lord.
And when I’m doing well, help me to never seek a
crown,
For my reward is giving glory to You.

(BRIDGE)

(VERSE 1)

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kris Opat

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Prayer List

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for... Any affected, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19, Barb, Jen and Lana, Mark, Julie, Harper, & Trent, Allison, Sherry, Ernie, Eileen, Judy, Nancy, Don, Lindsey, Kelly, Jason, Joan, all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States, for all who fight in the conflicts of the world and for the day when war will finally cease. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Canonsburg. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo. We also pray for our siblings of Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church and those of The ACNA Parish of Christ the Redeemer South Hills.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Presentation hymn: The Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: *3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (Bb, Eb) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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,

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

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

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer for Those Unable to Receive

Lord we believe that you are present in this most Holy Sacrament. Though I cannot receive the sacrament at this time, we know that your grace and love are always present and we receive your Holy Spirit into our hearts. Remind us of your presence and keep us until we are able to gather to receive again. Amen.

Communion Song:

“Amazed”

Anderson

(VERSE 1)

You dance over me, while I am unaware.
You sing all around but I never hear the sound.

(CHORUS)

Lord, I’m amazed by You (3X)
How You love me.

(VERSE 2)

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind.
My hope will always stand, you hold me in Your
hand.

(CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me
(2X)

(CHORUS)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

The Dismissal

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Communion will be available after worship from 11-11:30am. Rev. Kris will be available to distribute communion under the portico for any who joined for worship virtually and wish to receive. If you are running late and want to come, please text Fr. Kris and let him know you're on your way (412-780-6212).

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) leadership is launching a diocese-wide survey to get the temperature of each parish on the topic of racial justice, healing and reconciliation. All are encouraged to take this 9-question survey found here: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/share-awareness-of-the-bci/> by March 15th.

Outdoor Easter Service - If you're interested in attending an outdoor service on Easter morning (weather permitting), please email us in the office (stdavidspeterstp@gmail.com) or fill out the google form in the weekly email.

Palm Sunday - We're looking into options for Palm Sunday service and distribution of palms. If interested in helping with this, please let us know.

Save the Date: VBS will be the first week of August (Aug 3-6). We will absolutely need volunteers so if that date works for your family, please reach out to Caylin Charrie (caylinroach@yahoo.com or 724-777-4791).

Preschool Registration is now open for all. If interested, please fill out the registration form sent out via email or on the preschool's Facebook page. Please contact Katie or Beth with any questions (stdavidspreschool@gmail.com).