Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2020

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Choral Service of the Word
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT • 15 MARCH 2020 • 11 AM

For public health, and under the direction of our bishop, the faithful are invited to gather virtually for a Service of the Word; the Eucharist is not celebrated.

Voluntary
Allegretto in F Major Op. 101 no. 1
Charles Villiers Stanford

Introit

Sung by the choir.
Mode 7

(Adapt. Psalm 42-43; see BCP p. 643 for text.)

Hymn 370

Sung by all, standing.

St. Patrick’s Breastplate

Verse 6 is found on the next page.
Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider  Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People   Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

Presider  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.

The Confession of Sin  The people remain standing.

Let us confess our sins to God.

All  God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The bishop pronounces God’s absolution.

Kyrie Eleison  Sung in Greek.

Choir  Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider  May God be with you.
People   And also with you.

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 First Reading

Reader  A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Word of God

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-11

The people remain seated. Richard Lloyd

Choir, then All

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For the he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works. Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
The Second Reading

**Reader** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

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**Hymn 488**

Sung by all, standing.

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text: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.; music: Irish Ballad Melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)
So 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 worshipped 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 worshippers 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 labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ 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 for 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 Saviour of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord. The people sit.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus Bishop of California
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.

Offertory Sentence
An offering will be received. Thank you for your generosity.

Anthem
Sung in Latin.
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Choir
Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
- Psalm 42:1

The Prayers of the People
After each petition Have mercy on us.
The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Lord’s Prayer
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Presider
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

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came down from heaven: by the power
of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
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The Sending Forth

The bishop pronounces God’s blessing.

All respond Amen.

Hymn 522
Sung by all, standing.
Austria

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city
2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from e-
3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and
Voluntary

Allegro in d minor Op. 105 no. 4

Presiders
The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, Dean
The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice

Homilist
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California

Deacon
The Rev. Kenneth W. Parris, Assisting Clergy

Lay Assistant
Claire Griffin

Readers
Kit Ho
Amanda DeLuca

Musicians
The Men of the Cathedral Choir
Canon Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music
Kevin Fox, Instructor of Voice and Music Theory

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