Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard; Preacher: The Reverend Nancy Jose Guest Organist: Lisa Nichol

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joel Cook Pretlow, Jr., Marguerite Kerr Pretlow, Earl Glass Neas, and Harriet Stokes Neas

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MARCH 7-13

 MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- LIVING WELL IN GRIEF 5:00-6:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FAITH AND WELLNESS 7:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- •SACRED GROUND 7:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- •STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
- •BYOBible STUDY 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE 5:45 PM | Children's Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- HALO HOOPS BASKETBALL 4:00-5:30 PM | Perry Hall Gym
- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING 6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

•NO EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

•SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON 7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- •ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM 9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- FAITH FORMATION 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- YOUTH GROUP 5:00 PM | Youth Room

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To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude: "Unto Thee I Cry O Lord"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 150 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity



Collect of the Day

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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Romans 10:8b-13

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Commentary:

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Moses, nearing the end of his life, had important final thoughts to share with the Israelites. Moses reminded the people of what they should do and beyond that, he wanted to focus their thinking on the goodness of God. By bringing the first and best of their harvest to the Lord, the people would acknowledge God as the giver of every good gift. Moses also urged the Israelites to remember how God had brought them from slavery in Egypt to a land of their own. God's faithfulness, then and now, gives His people reason to rejoice in Him.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Lesson: Romans 10:8b-1

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Paul quoted Deuteronomy to reaffirm the fact that Moses, the great lawgiver, taught that salvation comes by faith. Paul also reminded his readers that the words they spoke should be in agreement with their inmost beliefs. In the early church, 'Jesus is Lord' was one of the most common and fundamental expressions of faith. The reality of Jesus' Lordship became clear when God raised Him from the dead. Jesus' resurrection proved that He is the divine Messiah, God's Holy One. Paul concluded by quoting Joel, reminding us that belief in God, specifically in the finished work of Jesus Christ, is the only condition for salvation.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

"After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.