



# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

#### The Collect for Purity

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#### The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The Lesson: Exodus 20:1–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 65

*Commentary: The foundation of biblical ethics and morality was laid out in the Ten Commandments and the ordinances included in the Law of Moses, which taught Israel how to apply the concepts found in the commandments. One reason God gave the commandments and the entire Mosaic Law to Israel was to codify unifying principles that made the establishment of the nation possible. God allowed the Israelites much personal freedom, there were comparatively few restrictions on their behavior. The people were to obey God on the double basis of who He is and what He had done for them. The commandments stressed two things: the importance of exclusive worship of the one true God and the honor due to other people.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

- 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.**

**The Holy Gospel: John 2:13–22**

NRSV, p. 969

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People***Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise be to thee, O Christ.****The Sermon**

The Reverend Kitty Davis

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People***The response to each petition:*...Lord, in your mercy, **Renew us.****Confession of Sin**

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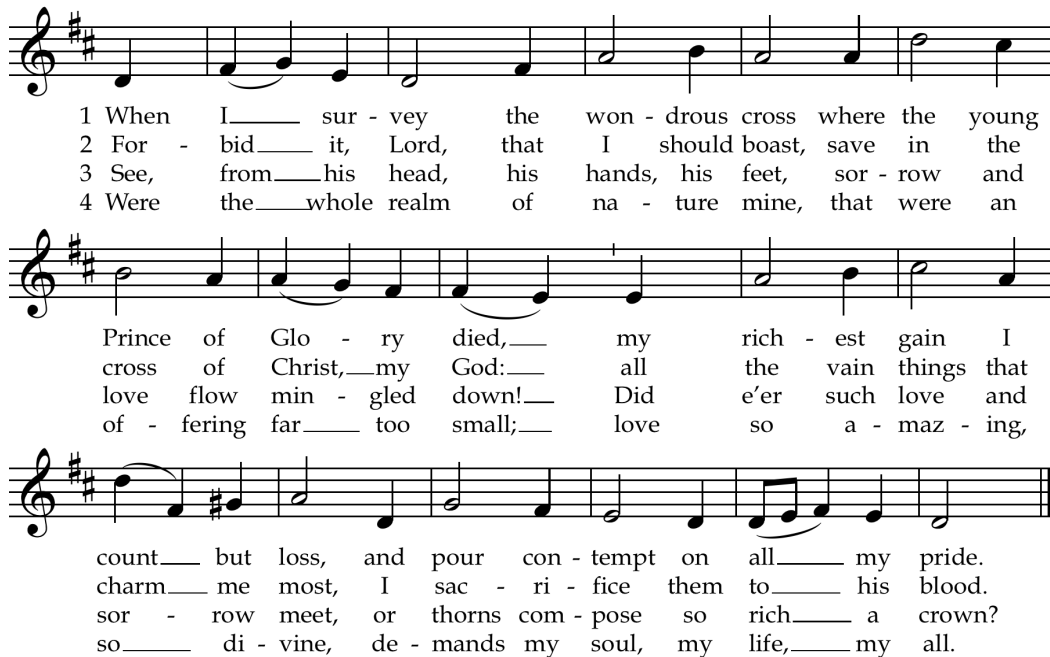
*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord. *The people kneel*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn 474

"When I survey the wondrous cross"

*Rockingham*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

### The Dismissal

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*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. ~ Preacher: The Reverend Kitty Davis. ~ Guest Organist: Kira Garvie*

*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, Harriet Stokes Neas, & Sarah Lisabeth Pretlow*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: UNITY BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

*Saturdays through March 16th*

The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build is underway with dates to serve in February, and March up online now! This build has plenty of opportunities to get involved.

- March 9th – Vinyl Prep
- March 16th – Vinyl Siding

These dates also have opportunity for lunch donations! To learn more about how to get involved, please visit: [stjamesp.org/habitat24](http://stjamesp.org/habitat24)

**Anyone 16 years old or older is welcome to participate. There are opportunities for all skill levels and abilities - no construction talent is needed.**

## VBS 2024: REGISTRATION IS ON THE WAY

*August 5th - 8th | Registration Opens on March 4, 2024*

VBS returns August 5th-August 8th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for announcements about this year's theme! As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities. Look for our email with registration and volunteer information on **March 4th**.

## SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

*Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room*

The season of Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection. It is an invitation to consider the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are invited to a morning of centering and prayer during a mini retreat on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00-11:30. Through Scripture, poetry and prayer, we will spend an unhurried morning together as we consider what the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving might mean for us on our faith journey, in our busy lives, in a world full of uncertainty and change. We will meet in the Lippitt Room. This mini retreat will be led by Linda Murchison. Childcare is available with advance registration online. Questions, please email Linda, [lindamurchison65@gmail.com](mailto:lindamurchison65@gmail.com).

## EASTER LILIES & MUSIC

*Submit Names Through March 24th.*

Honor someone special with Easter Lilies or Music this spring. Remember someone special this Easter by donating \$25 for Easter Lilies or music! Please complete the online form or call the church office to submit your names. It is one dedication per \$25 Donation, this form will need to be completed for each separate donation to help ensure we honor your requested person(s) correctly in the bulletin. Bulletin printing deadline is Sunday, March 24th. We'll continue to accept donations after that time however, the names may not appear in the bulletin. If you have any questions about the submission process or would like a physical name submission form, please reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

# WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

*Wednesdays through March 20*

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

*7:00 AM | S. 16th St. Starbucks*

Join our St. James Youth for a time of Bible Study and genuine exploration of faith.

## MORNING PRAYER

*8:00 AM | Zoom*

Log in and pray with us! Come share your prayer requests and your celebrations.

## CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

*9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room*

Bring your crafts, sewing, and other projects to this time of fellowship and creation.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

*11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom*

Bring your Bible and join us as we examine Jesus' encounters and conversations with 5 very different people and the effect the encounters had on their lives. Every session is stand-alone and handouts will be available.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

*12:10 PM | St. James Chapel*

Come participate in Holy Eucharist.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR & BIBLE TIME

*5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Children's Chapel*

This year we'll offer a faith formation opportunity alongside the choir practice. **The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday.**

## WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY ON OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*5:30-6:15 p.m. | Lippitt Room*

Adults and youth are invited to join us for a combined time of study during this Lenten season. Our clergy will lead this offering.

## LENTEN DINNERS

*6:15-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall*

We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. RSVP Online.

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