

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020 | Rite II 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral, however you are joining us this morning! We are glad we can worship together today. Please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the Cathedral staff during these uncertain days.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde grosse, BWV 622

J.S. Bach

All stand at the ringing of the tower bell.



Words: Williams Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. God's mercy endures forever. People

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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, ENRICHING OUR MUSIC 1, #7

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	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.

A READING FROM EXODUS

EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

All are now seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.



Sung by all

PSALM 95

1 Come, let us sing to the / LORD; *	7 For he is our God,
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal/vation.	and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his / hand. *
	Oh, that today you would hearken to his / voice!
2 Let us come before his presence with	
thanks/giving *	8 Harden not your hearts,
and raise a loud shout to him with / psalms.	as your forebears did in the / wilderness, *
	at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
3 For the LORD is a great / God, *	when they / tempted me.
and a great King above / all gods.	
	9 They put me to the / test, *
4 In his hand are the caverns of the / earth, *	though they had seen my / works.
and the heights of the hills are his / also.	
	10 Forty years long I detested that
5 The sea is his, for he / made it, *	generation and / said, *
and his hands have molded the / dry land.	"This people are wayward in their hearts;
	they do not know my / ways."
6 Come, let us bow down and	
bend the / knee, *	second half of chant
and kneel before the Lord our / Maker.	11 So I swore in my / wrath, *
	"They shall not enter into my / rest."

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS-5:1-11

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 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

JOHN 4:5-42

People Glory to you, O Christ.

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 worshiped 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 worshipers 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 labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 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 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 Savior of the world."

PriestThe Gospel of Christ.PeoplePraise to you, O Christ.

All are seated at the invitation of the preacher

All stand and say

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

NICENE CREED

BCP, PAGE 358

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage, X Bishop of Mississippi

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, from "A Litany in the Midst of Pandemic" by the Rev. Michael Kurth

God the Father, Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, **Have mercy on us.**

	As the sorrow Cast away all	l God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surro as of our heart and mind increase, we beseech you to save us from a works of darkness. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For you are and you will be our Savior.	all trouble and fear.
		ave died: Receive them into the arms of your mercy, grant them se who mourn with your healing grace. O God,	eternal peace, and
	For this and a	ll petitions that follow, the People respond	
	Hear our pray	ver in the second s	
	At the end of	the prayers, the Intercessor will continue	
	Stir up in us a Amen.	spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead.	
	Move us to c quarantine. Amen.	heck in with loved ones who are most vulnerable, and those who	o are in isolation or
		and anxiety, that we may share our resources rather than hoard to those in need.	them, and extend a
	Inspire us to s Amen.	hare the Good News of your love and hope.	
	All this we ask Amen.	through your son Jesus Christ our Savior: Healer of the sick, and Sav	vior of the world.
The people may stand or kneel.	CONFESSION	AND ABSOLUTION	BCP, PAGE 360
	Let us confess	our sins against God and our neighbor.	
	Silence may b	e kept.	
Then all say.	we have done have not love of your Son Je	l God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word e, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with o ed our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly r esus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in to the glory of your Name. Amen.	our whole heart; we epent. For the sake
The Presider pronounces Absolution, saying	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.		
	THE PEACE		BCP, PAGE 360
	Presider People	The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.	
The Presider invites the Offertory.	OFFERTORY SENTENCE		
	THE HOLY COMMUNION		
	OFFERTORY	Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731	J.S. Bach



The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues	Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
	Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.
	On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
	Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
	Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All say	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
The Presider continues	Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN .
All say	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Suy	THE LORD'S PRAYERBCP, PAGE 364
	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 Presider breaks	THE FRACTION H-1982, #8165 William Mathias
the consecrated Bread to be shared with the congregation. A period of silence is kept. The following anthem is then sung by all.	Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
	on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
	on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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All stand and say together.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER

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



As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral. The Priest dismisses the people. There is a question floating around the world right now: "How can we be joyful in a moment like this?" To which writer Ross Gay responds: "How can we not be joyful, especially in a moment like this? And it's sort of like it is joy by which the labor that will make the life that I want, possible. It is not at all puzzling to me that joy is possible in the midst of difficulty." Excerpt of a conversation between writer Ross Gay and Krista Tippett, On Being, July 2019.

March 14, 2019 Dear Cathedral Community,

It may seem strange to talk about joy in a time like this, but I believe Jesus when he told us "I came that you might have joy. That my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." It is precisely for this reason that we struggle together, we laugh together; we are together. I know this is a confusing, anxious, time. We are doing our best to keep up with a fluid situation, consulting many sources and listening to our colleagues in other diocese as we all try to maintain a safe and healthy community.

At one o'clock on Friday the plan was to have services at the Cathedral on Sunday and by six o'clock on Friday the plans had changed. I am sorry for the multiple emails and plans but the situation calls for nimble response.

Bishop Seage has decided, after careful consideration and much prayer, to suspend worship services for a period of two weeks. <u>www.dioms.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3202058</u>. After March 22nd we will re-evaluate the situation and see if it is safe to resume "face to face" worship.

This Sunday and next Sunday we will have clergy and volunteer choir members only in the building. You are invited to join us via Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/yourcathedralinthecity</u> or through our website www.standrews.ms for a virtual Eucharistic Worship Service at 10:00am. This will be a complete service with hymns, readings, sermon, and Eucharist (bread only). This Sunday, March 15th, Bishop Seage will preach and celebrate. This is a joyful celebration (as joyful as we can be in Lent) because we are a joy-filled community with our hope grounded in the Risen Savior.

There will be no weekday services, per the Bishop's pastoral directive, but the clergy will continue with daily prayer including our prayer list. I invite you to join us in that. Daily Office prayers are in the Book of Common Prayer and on line <u>dailyoffice.wordpress.com</u>

close with words from David Whyte.

"Joy is a meeting place, of deep intentionality and of self forgetting, the bodily alchemy of what lies inside us in communion with what formerly seemed outside . . . the sheer intoxicating beauty of the world."

God bless you and keep washing your hands!

Anne

The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

TODAY WE PRAY FOR: Julian Watson, Alabel Wiser, Sally Yelverton, Ellen Hawkins, Leila Wynn, Ben Woods, Daniel Wilkey, David Morse, Mike Larkin, Mike Flannes, Roger Clapp, Ashley Lacoste, Bettye Cox, Valerie Selman, Karen Quay, Warren Strain, Alex Allenburger, Emma Connolly, Larry Alderman, Harriet Whitehouse, Patricia Vandecar, Robert Milam, Wayne Barrett, Marianne Neal, Cindy Page, Kathy Howard, John Walker, Joe Surkin, Mary Gadow, Barbara Redmont, Gwin Buffington, Carey Yelverton, Henry Brown, Lacey Madden, Lila Ford, Diane Gillanders, Raney Watters, June Finley, Bettie Johnson, Armistead Powell, Pat Kirkpatrick, Bill Triplett, Kellis Moore, Stephanie Williams, Mary Lee, Jane, Joe, Bill Oldham, and Bill Alexander.

AT WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, WE PRAY FOR: Mary Esther Walker, Cathy Grooms, The Rev. Sandra Price, Linda Fratesi, Kyleigh Selman, Sue Stock, Penny Hutcherson, Sam Lane, Jr., Susan Culbertson, Rev. John Jenkins, Arthur Bland, Dot Kitchings, Colin Monahan, Jack Boardman, Betty Scott, Martha, Mary Lane Wheatley, Nancy, Jackie Mohle, Joe Partridge, Sr., David, Jimmie Oglesby, Joyce Partridge, Harriet Humphreys, Sofia, Cheryl Drennan, Rosie McNair, Bill Love, Merryl Dougherty, John Miller, Flo Stover, Matt Ross, Betty Vandiver, Donie, Gene Reeves, Joan, Martha Nash, Phillip Thompson, Dean Alexander, Frances Morse, Nathan Ferris, Robert Gaillet, Nick, Elaine Hallum, Jim Baugh, Natayla Salvo, Pat, Callie, Matthew Nooe, Blann Lutkin, Jane, Adam, Mimi Salmon, Susan Dowdy, John Howard, Ray Morris, Mike Hughes, Susan Hill, Stephanie Williams, Jack Harth, Ruth McGuire, Gwen Cole, Bill Gittins.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED: Lee Cox, Andrew Clapp, Benjamin Nichols and Darius White.

WE PRAY FOR BISHOPS AND OTHER MINISTERS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Julio and Ezekiel, Bishops in our companion dioceses; and James, Bishop in the Methodist Conference of Mississippi.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED; T.C. Buford, father of Lee Threadgill; Sheila Pickett; Jimmy Hewes; Edward Woods, brother of Ben Woods; and David Neville, brother of George Neville.

WE PRAY FOR THE BIRTH OF: Sammy James Smallwood, grandson of Judy and Bert Brown.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Monday, Mar. 16: Liz Weir, Aiden Welch; Tuesday, Mar. 17: Lynn Lackey; Wednesday: Mar. 18: June Stevens, Michelle Alexander, Jacob Malatesta, Burney; Thursday, Mar. 19: Burney Threadgill, Merritt Weems; Friday, Mar. 20: Margaret Mitchell, Barbara McLaughlin; Saturday, Mar. 21: Ella May East, Jim Dossett, Rick Rhoden, Matt Ross, Jude Misenar, Nick Secoy, Lillian Triplett.

IN THE COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR MISSISSIPPI FOOD NETWORK A non-profit agency and the only food bank in MS, The MS Food Network distributes donated and purchased grocery items to help feed the hungry in 74 MS counties. It is one of the 200 members of Feeding America, an organization that distributes over 2 billion pounds of grocery items annually.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH: Sherry and Royce Boyer, Mar. 6, 2011; Carol and Jim Madden, Mar. 11, 1967; Katharine and Joe Surkin, Mar. 17, 2007; Sally and Dickie Yelverton, Mar. 29, 1957.

WEDDINGS | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy.

UPCOMING DATES FOR HOLY BAPTISM | The scheduled dates for the year 2020 for Holy Baptism will be Saturday, April 11, 2020, Easter Vigil (Saturday evening at 7:30 pm); Sunday, May 10, 2020, Mother's Day; Sunday, May 31, 2020, Pentecost; All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 2020. Anyone interested in receiving baptism for themselves or for their children should contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, at 601-487-2736 or jdeaton@standrews.ms

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. At our daily weekday services, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please call the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, 601-354-1535, ext. 2736, or email jdeaton@standrews.ms

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

PASTORAL VISITS, PASTORAL ASSISTANCE AND PASTORAL COUNSELING | We care deeply about your needs and want to reach out with prayer and pastoral assistance; however, we depend upon you to let us know when a need arises: hospitalization, illness, or any other pastoral concern. Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member would like a pastoral visit. We may, for the time being, be limited in our ability to visit in person, but can speak over the phone.