



We acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, upholding Scripture as the unchanging Word of God. We seek to be led by the Holy Spirit. We will endeavor to live life in fellowship and service in His name and to lead others into a relationship with Him through Biblical teaching and concern for their lives. We will be a community that reflects His teaching and love to the world around us.

3rd Sunday in Lent 3-8-2015

The Acclamation

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting as found in the general rubrics.

From Ash Wednesday to the Eve of Palm Sunday or penitential occasions:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant and People then say

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 Decalogue

Celebrant God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods but me.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any image or likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or worship them.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep these laws and to write them upon our hearts.

Kyrie

The Celebrant and people sing or say together once or three times:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. or

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

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.*

Exodus 20: 1-17

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. Six days you shall labor 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 *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

- 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.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

For 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.

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

John 2: 13-22

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John *Glory to you, 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 *Praise to you, O Christ.*

4th Sunday in Lent, March 15th

First Reading- Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalm: 107: 1-3, 17-22

Second Reading- Ephesians 2: 1-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21