March 15, 2020
8:00 A.M & 10:00 AM
The Third Sunday of Lent
LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY • Wo soll ich fliehen hin, BWV646
“O wither shall I fly, depressed with misery”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The people are invited to stand

HYMN IN PROCESSION • 699, “Jesus, Lover of my soul”

Aberystwyth

Celebrant
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People
His mercy endures for ever.

CANTICLE: KYRIE ELEISON, S-86

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b.1950)

8:00
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:00

Collected

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
The Lord be with you

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
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.

All
Amen.

Please be seated


**LESSON • Exodus 17:1-7**

*Lector* A reading from the book of Exodus

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?”

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* Thanks be to God

**PSALM • Psalm 95**

*Levavi oculos*

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. **Refrain**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker. For 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! **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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." **Refrain**

3
A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

The people are invited to stand

GRADUAL HYMN • 727, “As panting deer desire the waterbrooks”

1. As pant - ing deer de - sire the wa - ter-brooks
2. Both day and night my tears have been my food,
3. Why are you heav - y - heart - ed, O my soul?

when wan - dering in a dry and des - ert place, so yearns my thir - sy soul for
while scoff - ers taunt me, “Where is your God now?” My soul dis-solves as I re-
And why are you so mired in deep dis - cord? Still put your hope and trust in

you, O God, and longs at last to see you face to face.
call the throng whose pil - grim hymns I led to Zi - on’s brow.
God a - lone, whom I will praise, my Sav - ior and my Lord.
Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to JOHN

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

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.”

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Philip Major

The people are invited to stand

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

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

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor 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. We give thanks for the many gifts God has given us. At St. Paul’s we give thanks for those who maintain our church library. In our community we give thanks for the bountiful gifts of this place; for clean air, fresh water and this fertile land. In our nation we give thanks for those who work to know and teach the truth, for teachers, journalists, scientists, librarians, nurses and doctors. We give thanks for those on the front line of helping people recover from COVID 19 and other diseases.

A period of silence is kept. The people add their own prayers.
We lift these prayers to you, O God.

People We are your people.

Intercessor Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness. We pray for the people of our nation, that we would not be cynical or ignorant. We pray we would know the truth, and use our knowledge in the pursuit of justice, compassion and peace among people.

A period of silence is kept. The people add their own prayers.
We lift these prayers to you, O God.

People We are your people.

Intercessor They put the Lord to the test, though they had been blessed with many gifts of God’s creation. We pray for our leaders, in the church, in government and in the world of business. May all who lead use the gifts they have been given for the good of all they serve.

A period of silence is kept. The people add their own prayers.
We lift these prayers to you, O God.

People We are your people.

Intercessor The sea is the Lord’s, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. We pray for the earth and for the poor, who are especially vulnerable to the dangers of a changing climate. We pray to be good stewards of the earth, air and water as God’s sacred creation.

A period of silence is kept. The people add their own prayers.
We lift these prayers to you, O God.

People We are your people.

Intercessor Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker. We remember those who have died (especially n.). We pray for all who are in great need this day, for n.

A period of silence is kept. The people add their own prayers.
We lift these prayers to you, O God.

People We are your people.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.
Celebrant  
God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God and we need you.

The people are invited to kneel.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant:  
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.

Celebrant  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All  
Amen.

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  
And also with you.

Please be seated

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Celebrant:  
Watch over your child, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People  
Amen.

Celebrant  
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they so may love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People  
Amen.
OFFERTORY
At the Offertory, we return thanks for God’s blessings in our lives and invite you to give generously as the offering plate passes you, or give by texting 73256 entering stpaulsyr (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God? My tears have been my meat day and night.

The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest.
Celebrant

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.”

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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 St. Paul, 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.

All

Amen.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*All*  
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.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*All*  
A period of silence is kept.

We follow Jesus, who turned no one away. No one will be turned away from God’s table in this place. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Baptism is the rite of initiation into the church. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with our rector, Fr. Philip.

Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered at the peace altar during the distribution of communion. You may ask for prayers for yourself or for someone else.

**COMMUNION**

8:00  
*Celebrant*  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*  
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

10:00  
**AGNUS DEI/FRACTION, S-161**  
David Hurd, *New Plainsong*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
AT THE COMMUNION, AN ANTHEM

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, and save thou me by faith from ill, that I may rest and dwell with thee, upon thy holy blessed hill: and, that done, grant that with true hear I may without hypocrisy affirm the truth, detract no man, but do all things with equity.

COMMUNION HYMN • 316, “This is the hour of banquet and of song”

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION • 690, “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY • Sortie Joseph J. McGrath (1889-1968)

Joseph J. McGrath (1889-1968) was an American composer, particularly of sacred and religious music. A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, he was Organist and Choir Master of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, New York for forty years. He was a teacher of harmony and composition at Syracuse University and a lecturer at the Catholic University Summer School.

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s prayer leaders

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers

Acute or Immediate Need: David, Ed, Kelly, Mary, Mary Carol, Mateo, Naomi, Patrick, Priscilla, Tom.


We pray for those who have died:

We pray for the leaders of the church, including:

Michael, our presiding bishop, DeDe, our bishop, and Philip, our rector.
This week, we give thanks for the Parish Library

This week we give thanks for our church library! Several years ago the Community Fellowship Ministry team spearheaded a project to thoroughly examine and reorganize the library that has been housed in the Brewster room for many years. Under the leadership of Barbara Shaffer we “weeded” the collection, established the subject coverage and scope of this collection as well as guidelines for processing and organizing the books. Subject areas include spirituality, theology, church history, feminist theology, liturgy, social concerns, grief and grieving and Vestry reading.

Books are arranged in these board subject areas with a colored tape on the spine indicating its location. The library rules are simple. Books may be checked out in the red notebook on the shelf and returned when you are finished. There is no budget for this collection; contributions (books within the library’s scope and money) are welcome. The collection is maintained by the Community Fellowship Ministry Team in accordance with established guidelines and in consultation with the rector.

Check out your library.
Sunday March 15
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School
12:30 pm South Sudanese Dinka Service and Children’s Sunday School
4:00 pm Bach Cantata

Monday March 16
12:00 pm Bible Study at Café Kubal

Tuesday March 17
7:30 am N.A.
3:00 pm Open Doors Meeting
5:15 Worship Ministry Team
7:15 pm Feminist Theology

Wednesday March 18
12:10 pm Healing Service
12:40 pm Soup Lunch—Provencal Vegetable Soup with French bread
4:00 pm Foundations Seminar

Thursday March 19
10:00 am The Caring Place @ St. Paul’s
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 20
7:30 am N.A.

Sunday March 22—Oscar Romero Sunday
8:00 am Eucharist
10:00 am Eucharist and Children’s Sunday School.
11:30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting
12:30 pm S. Sudanese Dinka Prayers in Brewster Room
Friends of St. Paul's Consort will present Bach's Cantata No. 131, *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, Herr, zu dir* ("Out of the depth call I Lord, to Thee"), with choir, soloists and instrumentalists.

Soloists include Hannah Lamertz, Cassidy Chappini, Steve Schager and Kyle Botsford.

Instrumental music of Bach will also be presented.

All conducted by Arthur Lewis.

Please Join Us

**BACH Cantata**

**Sunday, March 15**

at 4:00 p.m.

**CLIMATE CHANGE:**

**THE CHOICES WE MUST MAKE NOW**

Presentation by

Prof. W. Henry Lambright, Ph.D. & Susan Wright, M.A.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 11:30 AM**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DOWNTOWN**

220 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, 13202

Free and Open to the Public

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**Saturday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m.**

**At St. Paul’s Syracuse**

(use the door at 310 Montgomery St)

Bring Your Friends!

March’s movie is: "Godspell"

Please RSVP to Mark McGrath by Thursday, March 19th.

Mark’s cell is: 315 459-1465.

**First Friday Dinner**

**April 3, 2020**

JOIN US!

Please Come At 6:00pm for Social Hour.

Dinner Will Be At 6:45pm

**Menu**

Amalfi Coast Shrimp & Potatoes

Asparagus w/ Lemon Butter

Salad—Lettuce w/Russian Dressing

Dirty Banana Trifle

The cost for this dinner will be $12.00 for adults, $6 for Ages 5 - 12, and under 5 is free. Should you wish to pay less than the suggested amount, you may do so.

Please bring your own place settings, and beverage for social hour.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 1.

Call Beverly Bolton at home @ 315 474-6909

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