

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

MORNING PRAYERS

Rite Two

Officiant

Render your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents evil. Joel 2:13

Thanks be to God

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him

INVITATORY

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.

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.

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

Psalm 63

(Psalm 63:1-8)

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *

*my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *

that I might behold your power and your glory.

³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *

my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live *

and lift up my hands in your Name.

⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ When I remember you upon my bed, *

and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷ For you have been my helper, *

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ My soul clings to you; *

your right hand holds me fast.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

(Exodus 3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A Song of Penitence

Kyrie Pantokrator

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

They tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual

immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Song of Zechariah

(Luke 1:68-79)

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *

for he has come to his people and set them free

He has raised up for us a might savior, *

Born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would be saved from our enemies, *

from the hand of all who hate us;

He promised to show mercy to our fathers, *

and to remember his holy covenant;

This was the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear*

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life,

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare this way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death*

and guide to our feet into the way of peace

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel:

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(Luke 13:1-9)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Message: The Reverend Susan Riis

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. *And grant us your salvation.*

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. *Let your people sing with joy.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in you can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. *Your saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit*

The Officiant then says the following 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.*

Prayer For Mission (BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p. 102)

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

Concluding Versicle

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God,

Concluding Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*



“A Bible Study Of The Holy Gospels”

With an interlude presentation by David Schubach titled: “Church Music Through The Ages”

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Presentation at 7pm.

“The Gospels of Saints Luke and Mark”

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Presentation at 7pm.

“Church Music Throughout the Ages”

By Mr. David Schubach,

Choirmaster of St. James Church.

Wednesday, March 30, 2020

Presentation at 7pm.

“The Gospel of St. Matthew”

All presentations will be via zoom.

Letter of invitation

Dear St. James Family,

On Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 4pm in The Gloria Dei Church at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio I will be celebrating my 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

This will be a Solemn Eucharist for The Vigil Of Pentecost.

Immediately following the Eucharist will be a dinner which I am hosting in The Koinonia Banquet Room right outside of the Church.

Both the Church and the Banquet Room are fully accessible by elevator.

I write to you today because I would love for you to be my special guests for this celebration.

To facilitate this I have chartered "The Fun Bus" a 53 passenger motor coach to bring you from St. James to The Gloria Dei Church.

The Fun Bus will pick you up at St. James at 2pm and bring you to Bexley by approximately 3pm. You will have time to relax and explore the grounds of Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

The music will begin at 3:30pm. The Eucharist will begin at 4pm.

In keeping with the style of celebration I use at St. James the Liturgy will not be long probably approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

It will be filled with beautiful ancient music from the church's 2,000 year old tradition of Sacred Music.

Note: There will be incense used.

The Gloria Dei Church is large enough you can sit distant and be unaffected by the incense.

Also of note: The Gloria Dei Church seating is beautiful wooden chairs that are very comfortable.

Seating will be prepared in advance depending on the number planning to attend.

In the event this is still needed the seating arrangements can be prepared to allow for ample social distancing.

I hope you will join me for this.

The Prayer will be beautiful and the dinner following will be delicious.

At this time if you wish to join us please call Mindy at:
740-453-9459 and reserve your place.

The Fun Bus can accommodate 53 people.

The Fun Bus will depart Bexley at 8pm and bring you back to St. James.

Once we have a general idea of who would like to come I will call you personally to secure details and to determine which dinner selection you would like.

Wishing Blessings for this New Year, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rob +

<i>PRAYER LIST</i>

Our Military

Zachary Spiker

Ben Spiker

Jacob Spiker

We pray also for:

Jane and Sharon Donoho

Deborah Robinson Sekou

Ray Gillespie

John Graham

Fr. Rob Willmann

Shirley Stephens

Greg Meadows

Barbara Schriefer

Dave Michael

Jim Horton

Greta Hauser

George Preston

Andrea Salahub

Rudy Arnold

Theresa Bray

Stephanie Schwieterman

Ruth Anderson

Cathy Rice

Beth Fineran

Becky Yinger

Teri Chacon

Larry and Charline Jeffers

Mark Steen

Richard Sands

Steve Averill

Azalea Miranda

Karen Siegfriedt

Noah Spiker

David Desquin

John Benson

Jim Hoskinson

Bob Goodrich

Cindy Yost

Judy Sowell

Joann Huntwork

Melissa Gabriel

Gary Michael

Katie Shannon

Jim Cope

Dr. Kathleen Riley

Sarah Merikkam

Bev Urschel

Eileen Adams

Susan Nichols

Cindy Downs Greaves

Bob Oppenheimer

Lisa Ferguson

Cris Morrison

Sharon Bauer

Dan and Brenda Ransom

Brooke Anderson

Kane Warden

Janet Slack

Sam Plummer

Dennis Grimes

Donna Rush

Linda O'Neill

EJ Spiker

Stephanie Sherman

Susan Spiker

Anthony Gillespie

Marcus Gaiter

Ginna Goodrich