

**MORNING PRAYER II LENT III MARCH 7, 2021**

**PRELUDE *Just as I am***

**WELCOME**

**Good morning and welcome to St. Matthew Episcopal Church. I am Mother Patricia and it is a pleasure to worship with you on this third Sunday in Lent. This bilingual service is in English and Spanish. If you would like follow along, click on the link above the Facebook announcement for this service for a worship booklet in either English or Spanish.**

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**HYMN *Just as I am***

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bids me come to you,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
  
- 3. Just as I am , poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind.  
yes, all I need, in you to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
  
- 4. Just as I am, you will receive;  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever.***

**Hear the commandments of God to his people:**

**I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.**

**You shall have no other gods but me. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not make for yourself any idol. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**Honor your father and your mother. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not commit murder. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not commit adultery. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not steal. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not be a false witness. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*The Officiant says,*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

*Officiant says*

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

Jubilate Psalm 100

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

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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

The Psalm for today is 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 will be for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

**A reading from Genesis**

**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.**  
**Here ends the reading**

*The First Song of Isaiah*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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.**

**A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians**

**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 the 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.**

**Here ends the reading**

***Invocation***

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

***Doxology***

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**HYMN *Open my eyes (Abre mis ojos)***

- 1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.**
- 2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.**
- 3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.**

### **A Reading from the Gospel of John**

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.

Here ends the reading.

### **SERMON**

#### **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**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Suffrages B**

**V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;**

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

**V. Day by day we bless you;**

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

**V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;**

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

**V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;**

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

**V. In you, Lord, is our hope;**

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

**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 Collect for Sundays**

**O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

### **For our Country**

**Almighty God, you have given us this good land to care for: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here from many lands and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor says,*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.**

**We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.**

*(pause)*

**Wash us through and through, and cleanse us from our sin.**

**We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.**

*(pause)*

**Purge us from our sin, And we shall be pure.**

**We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.**

*(pause)*

**Make them hear of joy and gladness, that those who are broken may rejoice.**

**We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially .....**

*(pause)*

**Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

**In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.**

*(pause)*

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

**We pray for those who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_\_ ) and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.**

*(pause)*

**Give rest of Christ, to your servant(s), where sorrow and pain are no more.**

**You may add your own prayers at this time either silently or aloud.**

*Officiant says*

**Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. Amen.**

**HYMN PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD!**

**1. Praise to the living God! All praised be his name  
Who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.  
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!**

**2. Eternal life has he implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be his name  
Who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**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.***

**Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us for Lenten Devotions and Study this Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. There is registration information on our Facebook page.**

**Our Gospel lesson for next week is from John which reads in part, “the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light.” Please join us right here at 11:00 as we begin a two part series entitled “Soul Wrestling: Living in the Light.” See you next Sunday. God bless you.**