

Season of Lent



THIRD SUNDAY MARCH 7

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

10:30 AM

— Prelude —

Aria | Charles Callahan

(congregational singing is not allowed within the church at this time)

— Opening —

*Celebrant
People*

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

— the Decalogue —

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant
People*

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

*Celebrant
People*

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

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

— Confession of Sin and Absolution —

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Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

***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.***

Celebrant

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.**

— Kyrie —

The Denver Mass | Robert Lehman

— the Collect of the Day —

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

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.**

— First Reading: 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. 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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

— Psalm 19 —

***The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.***

***One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.***

*Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,*

*Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.*

*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.*

*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.*

*The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.*

*By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*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.*

***Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.***

— Second Reading: Romans 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 —

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.

***Reader
People***

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

— Sequence Hymn —

The Glory of these Forty Days | Hymnal #143
(congregational singing is not allowed within the church at this time)

— the Gospel: John 2:13-22 —

***Reader
People***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ

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.

Reader
People

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

— **Sermon** —
The Rev'd Harry Jenkins

— **the Nicene Creed** —

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** —
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Reader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

All

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Reader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For Morris, our Bishop, Harry our Rector, Kristen our Aspirant, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For Joe our President, John our governor, Greg our Mayor, Mike our parish president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For this city Slidell, for the north shore, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for Tara, Pat, Juan, the Carlisle Family, Annette, Sylvia, Daniel, Daniel S., Heather, Emily, Lea, Brad, Maria, Terry, Linda, Lynda, Mike and Kristen, Mike M., Fred, Jeff, Bill, Ozzie, and Jas. We pray to you, O Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially those with addictions, and the victims of COVID-19.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All ***Lord, have mercy.***

— Closing Collect —

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfil our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

— the Peace —

Socially distant/virtual exchange of the peace

— Announcements —

For more information and to sign up for our Friday News and Notes newsletter, please visit our website www.ChristChurchSlidell.net and click on the newsletter sign up link at the top.

Stations of the Cross: Don't forget that in addition to our other services we are offering this Lent, we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at noon. This is a very meaningful service and we hope you consider attending. Proper mask wearing and social distancing are required.

Lenten Program: Father Harry is teaching a special Lenten Program entitled, "Life Transformed, The Way of Love Through Lent," a program that comes from the national Episcopal Church. This special Lenten program is taught over zoom during Java and Jesus on Sunday's and on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 PM, continuing every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening throughout Lent. The Zoom meeting information is in your News and Notes.

Lenten Calendar: For this season of Lent we have the "Bless This Mess" Lenten Calendar from the Salt Project (saltproject.org). Any of the activities can be adapted for individuals or you can skip the ones that don't interest you. The point is that you have fun with it and with its bite-sized morsels of Lenten goodness, you can find a new and unique way to reflect in Lent. Links for downloading the calendar are in your newsletter!

— Offertory Hymn —

Come Unto Him, Messiah | G F Handel

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— the Great Thanksgiving —
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Celebrant
People
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People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Soloist

***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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

All

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

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

— the Lord's Prayer —

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Celebrant

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

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 Breaking of the Bread —

Soloist sings Agnus Dei

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven. The blood of Christ the cup of salvation.

— Communion Hymn —

O God, We Praise Thee, and Confess | Tallis Ordinal/Lani Smith

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— a note about Communion —

Please maintain physical distance of at least 6 ft. from the person in front of you when you come forward to collect your Communion cup and remember to sanitize your hands first. Family groups may come forward together. Parents, please assist children by taking a cup for them. Bring your Communion cup back to your pew with you. Once everyone has come forward, the priest will direct everyone to consume the bread at the same time. Though we are only able to receive communion in one kind at this time, our tradition assures us this is acceptable. Reception in one kind confers all the benefits of receiving in both kinds. For those worshipping with us today, either in person or online, who are unable or unprepared to receive at this time, be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. To aid you in experiencing God's grace more directly in these circumstances this prayer for spiritual communion may be helpful:

— a Prayer for Spiritual Communion —

written by Teresa Berger

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

— Post Communion Prayer —

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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.

— A Solemn Prayer Over the People —

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

— Recessional Hymn —

Eternal Lord of Love | Hymnal #149

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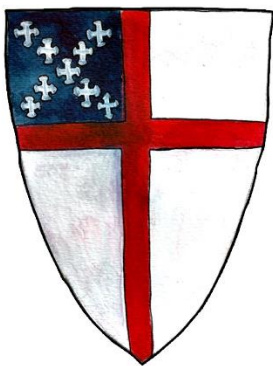
— Postlude —

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556 | J S Bach

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We are grateful that you joined us for worship today. Please remember that the congregation will be dismissed from the back of the church to the front and please maintain proper distancing as you leave.

Music | Steve Comeaux, piano/organ; Daria Comeaux, cantor



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