



SAINT
PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



MARCH 24, 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to Saint Peter's! We are glad you are here with us today.

*If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pick up a name-tag from one of the ushers.
You are welcome here, and we look forward to meeting you.*

PRELUDE

Reverie

Claude Debussy

Processional Hymn

"Now quit your care and anxious fear"

Hymn 145

The Word of God

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.**

The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 Response

Read responsively by half verse

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.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *

and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *

and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *

your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Sequence Hymn

"Rock of ages, cleft for me"

Hymn 685

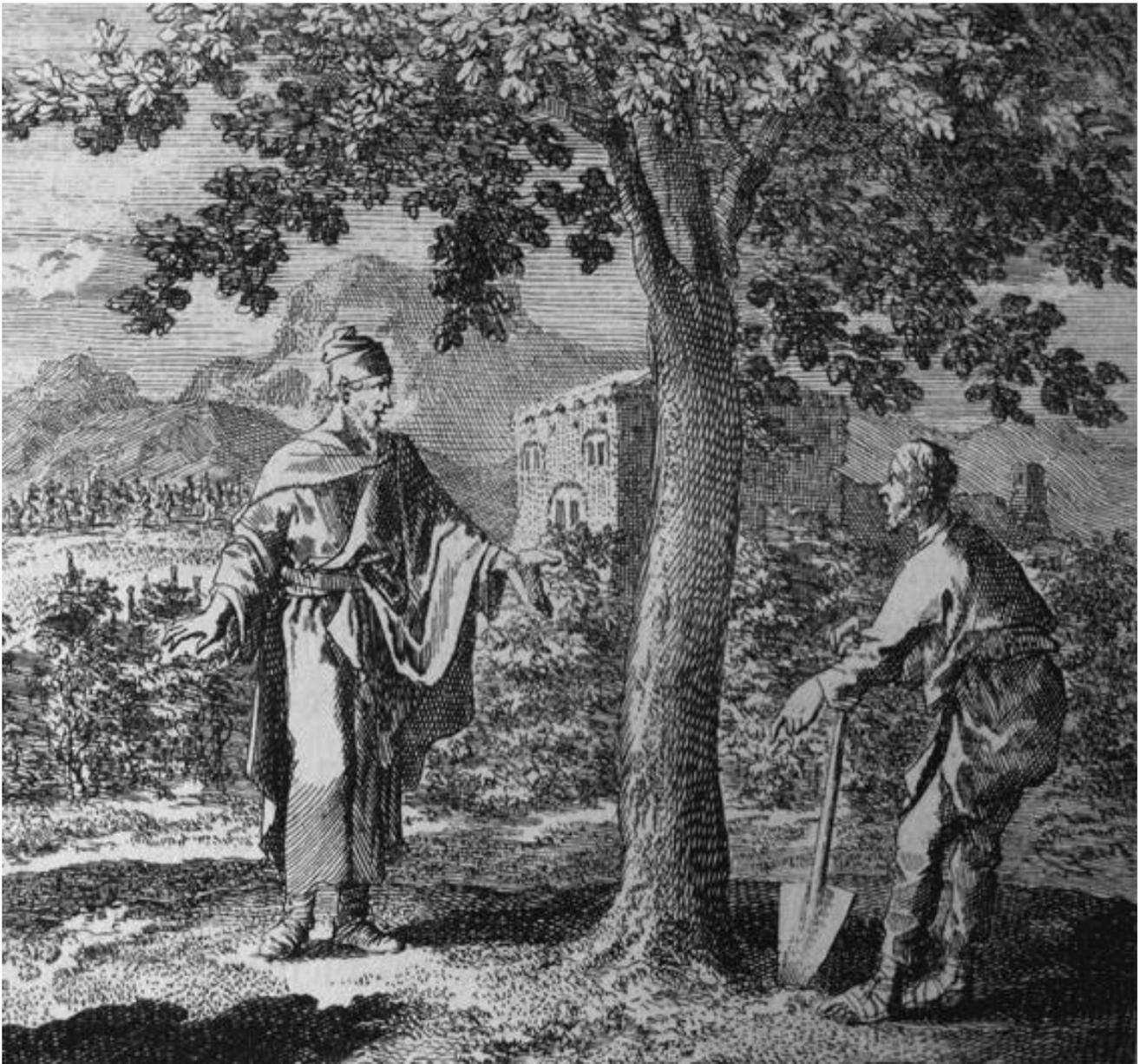
The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus 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.'"



Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Hymn 470

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing—just place your arms across your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead.
Gluten-free hosts are also available.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

Jimbo’s Lullaby

from *Children’s Corner*

The Solemn Prayer

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows.

The Deacon, or in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says

Bow down before the LORD.

The people kneel or bow and the Celebrant says the following prayer

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past”

Hymn 680

POSTLUDE

Nocturne in F Minor

Frederic Chopin

Please join us for coffee hour following the service!
Our discussions of Rowan Williams’ *Being Disciples* continue following the service today! All are welcome to join in the conversation.

The Altar Flowers today are given in memory of William B. Gormley (1953–2004), on the occasion of his birthday (March 18), and in hope of the resurrection, by Father Shane.

The Prayer List

In our prayers today and this week, we are asked to remember

Our **Clergy**: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff, our Bishop; Shane and Ellen, our priests.

This **Country** and **City**: for our national and our local elected leaders.

Those **Sick** in body, mind, or spirit: Pam and Bruce, Paul and Joyce, the Sexton Family, Carol, Angel, Mark, Joe, Ted, Mary Katherine, Craig, Maryanne, Matthew, Tara, Larry, Sabrina, Tom H., and John C.

The **Needs** of those in our Parish: for perseverance and insight for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; for Qiana Johnson, as she continues in discernment for Ordination to the diaconate.

Those who have **Died**, and those who **Mourn**: for Barb Vanseth (friend of Betsy Lent); Robert Almquist (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan); and John Yount (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan).

For the future life of Saint Peter's.

We are also asked to give thanks

For those celebrating **birthdays**, especially Dafney Wood .

For the **hospitality** of Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ.

If you would like to add anything to the prayer list—a request or a thanksgiving—please let Tom Stabnicki know by emailing him at tomstabnicki@yahoo.com.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Weeks Ahead

- March 28 (Wed.) Wednesday Lenten Program
Special Meeting: 7:00 pm at Stella's – See below for details.
- March 25–30 Father Shane Out of Town
Church office remains open.
- March 29 (Fri.) 60s+ Growth Group at Kate Wulle-Duggan's home.
2:00 – 4:00pm. Contact Nancy Fifield fifieldnancy@gmail.com.
- March 31 (Sun.) The Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (followed by Coffee Hour and Lenten Program)
- March 31 (Sun.) Dinner at the Crib (Outreach Opportunity)
Contact Jordan Rutledge (jordanlrutledge@gmail.com) for details.
- April 7 (Sun.) Parishioner Qiana Johnson: Voice Recital of art songs, arias, spirituals
3:00 pm in WAUCC Sanctuary

Wednesday and Sunday Lenten Programs

While Father Shane is out of town, the Lenten Program continues! Join Tom Stabnicki and Glenn Charlton at Stella's this Wednesday (March 28) at 7:00 pm to continue discussing the *first two chapters* of Williams's *Being Disciples*, and just to catch up, too! Contact Tom (tomstabnicki@yahoo.com) for more details. **Next Sunday** we move on to discussing chapters 3 and 4 ("Forgiveness" and "Holiness") during Coffee Hour.

Holy Week at Saint Peter's

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

10:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 2019

7:00 pm

*Foot-washing and
Agape Feast*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 2019

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Good Friday Service
with Veneration of the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

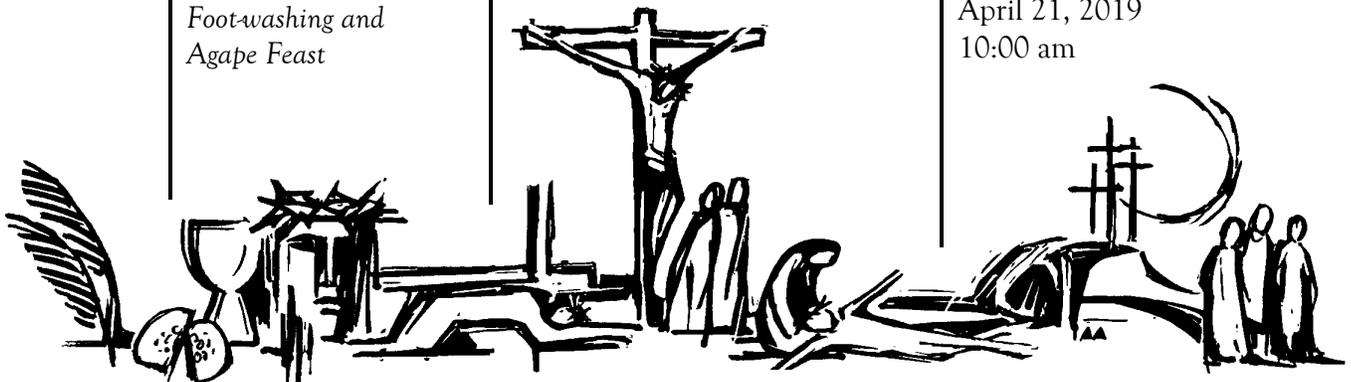
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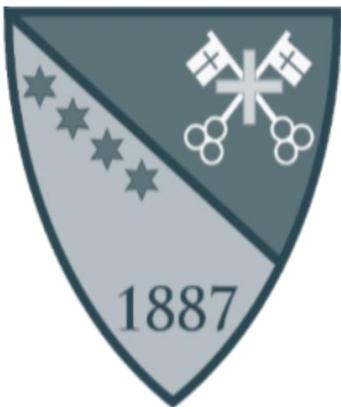
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EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

April 21, 2019

10:00 am





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Regular Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 am

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VESTRY

Becca Wicker and Guy Norred, *Wardens*
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Darrick Malone, Jordan Rutledge,
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