



# The Third Sunday in Lent

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

March 7, 2021

## The Word of God

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

### Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Song of Praise

*Come Thou Fount*

### 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. *Amen.*

## The 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord*

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*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.

## The Second Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord  
People Thanks be to God

## The Gospel Reading

*John 2:13-22*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People**      **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.

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.**

## The Prayers of the People Form I

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

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

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

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** 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.

**Leader** For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

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

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
**All** To you, O Lord our God.

*A concluding prayer is said by the priest*

*Adapted from the BCP*

## Confession and Absolution

**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.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** And also with you.

## Announcements

### Welcome Bishop Fisher

Bishop Fisher will be at St. Michaels **Sunday, March 21st.**

### Lenten Study

On Wednesday evenings at 6 PM during Lent there will be a Zoom meeting on discussion of "Living Well Through Lent; Listening with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind". Feel free to come even if you don't have the book. You can download a free PDF of the book on [www.livingcompass.org](http://www.livingcompass.org) or you can send an email to Christina at [christina@smaalongview.org](mailto:christina@smaalongview.org) to let her know you would like a hard copy of the book mailed to you.

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies or Azaleas for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2021** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "Easter Lilies" or "Azaleas" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Lilies \$10.00 & Azaleas \$15.00**

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

## Birthday/Anniversary Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## The Offertory

*I Will Sing*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

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

**Celebrant** As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray  
**All** **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.**

## The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

**Celebrant** Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

**All** **Have mercy on us**

**Celebrant** Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

**All** **Have mercy on us**

**Celebrant** Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

**All** **Grant us peace**

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant  
All

Let us pray.

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**

**Closing Song**

*Love Divine All Loves  
Excelling*

**Dismissal**

## March Birthdays

### Birthdays this month

2nd: Laura Brown  
 3rd: Marie Tucker  
 13th: Susan Kuhlman  
 14th: Allyssa Morse  
 17th: Kayla Mittenthal  
 22nd: Clayton Nail  
 24th: Norman White  
 27th: Lorraine Litterski  
 31st: Autumn Nail

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Greeter:** David Brown  
**Lector:** Amy Brown  
**Sound Board:** Andy Sanders  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Andy Sanders, Robyn Murphy  
**Worship Tech:** Jessica Sanders

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/14)

**Danny's Team:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** David Brown  
**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown  
**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Vestry People:** Robyn Murphy, Roxanne Brink  
**Worship Tech:** Laura Brown

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Troy
- Aaron, Roni, & Keith
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
02/07/21	\$7,930	\$2,946	\$4,984
02/14/21	\$1,619	\$2,946	-\$1,327
02/21/21	\$360	\$2,946	-\$2,586
02/28/21	\$3,160	\$2,946	\$214
YTD TOTALS	\$24,064	\$26,518	-\$2,454

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