



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

March 14, 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

Kyrie Eleison

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

The Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

The Offertory

Desert Song

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 sins of the world
All **Have mercy on us**

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
All **Have mercy on us**

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sins 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 Let us pray.
All **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

Blessed Be Your Name

Dismissal

Announcements

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

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 or you can send an email to Christina at 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 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” and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Lilies \$10.00**

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.

This Sunday’s Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny’s Team: Susan Kuhlman
Greeter: Amy Brown
Lector: David Brown
Sound Board: Harrison Brown
Ushers: David Brown
Vestry People: Robyn Murphy, Roxanne Brink
Worship Tech: Laura Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Aaron, Roni, & Tom
- 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

**** 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
02/14/21	\$1,619	\$2,946	-\$1,327
02/21/21	\$360	\$2,946	-\$2,586
02/28/21	\$3,160	\$2,946	\$214
03/07/21	\$3,768	\$2,946	\$822
YTD TOTALS	\$27,832	\$29,465	-\$1,632

NEXT Sunday’s Servers (03/21)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny’s Team: Bryan White
Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Charlie Parker
Sound Board: Jonathan Roberts
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie
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