

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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.

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.

The Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

2nd: Laura Brown
 3rd: Marie Tucker
 13th: Susan Kuhlman
 14th: Allyssa Morse
 15th: Stan Williams
 24th: Norman White
 27th: Lorraine Litterski

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

CANCELLED Saturday, March 9, Trinity Episcopal Church has cancelled the One Human Race workshop.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, **March 24** at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, **March 28** at 6:00 pm

Good Friday, **March 29** at 6:00 pm

Easter Day, Sunday, **March 31** at 10:00
 with Brunch to follow

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024, Service at **10:00 AM**

Easter Egg Hunt after the service at **11:30 AM**

Then join us for an Easter Day Brunch in the Parish Hall, after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please sign up in the narthex to bring something to the Easter Day Brunch.

Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to purchase Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday, **March 31, 2024,** please pick up and fill out the form in the entry way of the church. Place your check noted “**Easter Hydrangeas**” and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Hydrangeas \$25.00.** Deadline to purchase Hydrangeas will be **Sunday, March 24th.**

NEXT Sunday’s Servers (03/10)

Acolytes: Ruby Hahne

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny’s Team: Frank Supercinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski

Greeter: Joe Frank Brown

Lector: Ruby Hahne

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Joshua Martinez

Vestry People: Susan Brown, Stan Williams

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Andrew McWhorter
- Ed Maxwell
- Gary (Bubba) Lewis
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Bereavement For:

- Carolyn Brownlee Family

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
02/04/24	\$6,852	\$3,302	\$3,550
02/11/24	\$7,870	\$3,302	\$4,568
02/18/24	\$4,140	\$3,302	\$838
02/25/24	\$2,625	\$3,302	-\$677
YTD TOTALS	\$38,666	\$26,418	\$12,249

THIS Sunday’s Servers (03/03)

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny’s Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Michael Greathouse

Lector: Susan Schug

Nursery Helper: Ruby Hahne

Ushers: Bryan White

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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