

## March 7, 2021 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Invocation

Deacon: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

#### Opening Music

*There is a Redeemer*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One

Thank You, oh, my Father for giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain

Thank You, oh, my Father for giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place

Thank You, oh, my Father for giving us Your Son And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

#### \*Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Deacon: The LORD remembers His mercy and steadfast love. He remembers not our sins and transgressions. Because of Christ's all-atoning sacrifice for us, God forgives all our sins. He brings us forth by this word of truth to be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### \*Prayer of the Day

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

People: **be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

## Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **\*The Holy Gospel**

John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore 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. <sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **\*Sermon Song**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **Message**

Lay Deacon Paul Pugliese

## **\*The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*The Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**      each petition will conclude "Lord in Your mercy" to which the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer"

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Sharing of the Lord's Supper**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The General Dismissal & Benediction**

**\*Closing Song**      *Jesus Loves Me*

I was lost, I was in chains the world had a hold of me  
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame when He came for me

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms  
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me

It was a fire, deep in my soul I'll never be the same  
I stepped out of the dark and into the light when He called my name

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms  
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me

He holds the stars and He holds my heart with healing hands that bear the scars  
The rugged cross where He died for me my only hope, my everything

Jesus, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me  
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me

Deacon:      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:      We will. Thanks be to God!**