

Sunday March 3, 2024 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent



St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Oregon  
10 am Holy Communion, Rev. Tom Moehl, Celebrant and Preacher

**Remember: Alleluias are omitted during Lent.  
They will return for Easter.**

*Celebrant* : Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant*: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*Deacon*: 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.*

**Trisagion** (Sing together)

**"Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us" (3x)**

**The Collect** (say together)

**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.**

**First Lesson is a reading from Exodus 20:1-17**

Lector

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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

## Psalm 19

### *Caeli enarrant*

*Lector*

*(Read Responsively, breaking at the \*)*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.**

<sup>6</sup> 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.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*

***cleanse me from my secret faults.***

<sup>13</sup> 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.***

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

***O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.***

## **Second Lesson is a reading from –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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People
- ***Thanks be to God***

**Gospel Acclamation**                      Cantor Leads singing/ Congregation Responds

***Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory –***

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 2:13-22**

### ***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.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**Sermon**

The Rev. Tom Moehl

## Nicene Creed

(BCP p.358)

***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 worshiped 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.***

## Prayers of the People

*(A special Form for Lent)*

PotP Reader

Reader: In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination and true repentance. Let us offer to God the yearnings of our own hearts, as well the needs of the Church and the world.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Diana, our Bishop; and for leaders of local churches everywhere. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for our nation and for those entrusted with making decisions for the well-being of all. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live where wars are raging, and those without a place to lay their head. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for those who are ill (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), those in pain, those under stress, those who are lonely, and those whose earthly journey is coming to an end. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for those who have died (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), confident that your eternal light and abiding peace await all those who know and love you. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for St. Martin's parish family, that in this season of Lent, our lives may be focused on deepening our relationship with Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

**All: In you is our help and strength.**

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you saved us from the flood and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive sons and daughters into your family, wash them in the waters of new life, and feed them with your bread and wine. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

**Hymn of Presentation** *'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP p. 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Celebrant and People *(Let us say together)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

Celebrant and People

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Celebrant

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Fraction Anthem**

**"Agnus Dei"** (Sing Together)

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the World, give us your peace, give us your peace***

**Communion Hymn** Instrumental: "Eat This Bread" - from Taize

**Communion of the People** Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Celebrant

***Almighty and ever living 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.***

**Prayer for St. Martin's**

Deacon

*God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.*

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Celebrant

(front cover of the red prayer book)

**Traveling Mercies**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #149:** "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

**Dismissal**

Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*