

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent



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Service of Holy Eucharist

Prelude *There is a balm in Gilead* **Charles Callahan**
Processional *O all ye works of God* **Hymnal #428**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation **BCP, p. 351**

Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Confession and Absolution

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Kyrie **Hymnal #S-96**

The Collect

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** **Gigi Fahnbulleh**
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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

BCP, p. 606-7

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Neb Amaechina

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

From deepest woe I cry to thee

Hymnal #151

The Holy Gospel

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Julie Hanavan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Susan Goodnough

Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times. Together let us remember and pray to God through Christ, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross, we pray: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice, we pray: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

We pray for this country. Please Lord, open peoples' eyes to kindness, understanding, tolerance. We pray that our hearts be opened to the understanding that when one of us suffers we all suffer. *Have mercy, O Lord.*

For all who suffer want, that God in mercy may turn our hearts toward one another, and brings us to end our reliance on weapons, war, and the threat of war, we pray: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

For this gathered community, that the solemn brightness of Lent may open our eyes to the needs of our sisters and brothers in these times and all God's creation, we pray: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

We pray for those who are sick, troubled, and hurt. We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, and Theo; and for Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Eva McBorrow, Jennifer, Carla, Karen L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, Kerry DelaGaza, and Nancy Pollard. *Have mercy, O Lord.*

For all who have died. We pray that they may be at peace in God's eternal resting place: *Have mercy, O Lord.*

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Theo Muhlenburg and Glenna Wilson.

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Presentation (Please stand as you are able.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (see card in pew)

Memorial Acclamation A

Sanctus

Hymnal # S-130

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion

All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

Music During Communion *There is a balm in Gilead*

LEVAS #203

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 365

Prayer over the People

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Recessional
Dismissal**

The spacious firmament on high

Hymnal #409

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort* **Johann Sebastian Bach**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If visiting or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books and join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall. Please do not hesitate to ask an usher if you have any questions or concerns.

Healing prayer is offered at the side altar during Communion.

Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of tuna in March and canned fruit in April. Thank you for your generosity.

Recycle: If you are not taking your Sunday bulletin home, place it either in the recycle bin near the side chapel or the one in Rose Hall. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6: Healing Service and Holy Eucharist in the church, Noon

March 6: Choir practice

March 17: Vestry Meeting in person