



St. Martin's Church

To seek God, and be Christ's body in the world.

March 11, 2018—10:00 a.m.—Rite II

Fourth Sunday of Lent: *Pilgrimage To Jerusalem*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Andantino from Salut d'Amour* Elgar
OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #620 "*Jerusalem, my happy home*" Land of Rest

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME and OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

THE DECALOGUE *(All kneel who are able)*

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness. *People:* *Amen, Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *People:* *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The people remain kneeling

Celebrant: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow Him. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (*Luke 9:23, 24*) So all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

CONFESSION *(said by all)*

St. Augustine

People: *O Lord, The house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases your sight. I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare your servant from strange sins. Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed are you unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest. *Amen.*

People: *Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (The congregation will alternate verses with the reader)

- 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.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: LEVAS #111 (vs 1-2) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Nettleton*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

REPRISE HYMN: LEVAS #111 (vs 3) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Nettleton*

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Chris Bishop

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(said by all--BCP pg. 96)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: May the Bishops and the leaders of our churches, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Diocesan Bishop, and Chris, our Rector, have wisdom and speak with one voice.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the leaders of our country, especially Donald our president and Tom our governor, rule with righteousness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May justice be our shield and defender.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering including: Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Bob, Shirley, and Mike. *(People may add their own petitions)* We also pray for those who have died.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Reader: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers. *People: The Lord of Mercy is with us.*

Reader: We pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithaca and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Union of Black Episcopalians. In the Diocese of Guatemala we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Antonio (Saint Anthony's Church), Sejà, Rio Dulce, The Rev. Marben Juarez. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of England, The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, let us pray to the Lord. *People: Lord hear our prayer*

Reader: In the communion of Martin of Tours, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *People: To thee, O Lord our God.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

God so loved the world

John Goss

PRESENTATION HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #324 (vs 1) *"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"* Picardy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Episcopal Liturgy 1982

Eucharistic Prayer III

Celebrant: Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed. As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS: The 1982 Hymnal #S-129 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Those who are able, please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks again, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of St. Martin, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM: The 1982 Hymnal #S-164 *“Lamb of God: Agnus Dei” Deutsche Messe*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION

Celebrant: 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.

THE COMMUNION

All those who hunger for God are welcome to come forward for the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Stay Here

Taize based on Matthew 26

Mixed Voices
♩ = 72

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay

here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray. Stay

fine

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all)*

God our Father, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. In this Eucharist you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and self-forgetting love, that through us, he may become nearer to people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant: May the Father bless us, for he has adopted us as his children. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: May the Son come to help us, for he has received us as brothers and sisters. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: May the Spirit be with us, for he has made us his dwelling place. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: And may Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you all and keep you, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: LEVAS #181

“Amazing Grace”

New Britain

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

Chanson

Charles Gounod

WELCOME

— Thank you for worshipping with us today! —

WELCOME

Please be sure to fill out our welcome card in the pew, put it in the collection plate, and introduce yourself to Chris, our Rector, or any member of the congregation. We’d love to know you! Kindly sign our guest book and join us for coffee hour after the 10am service.

May God’s love fill you as you begin a new week!

WE PRAY TODAY

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel our Bishop; for Chris our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Denis, Bill, Tom, Kay, Kris, Joan, Anne, Julie, Barbara, Sandra, Dolores, Cecilia, Chris, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Bob, Shirley, and Mike.

WE GIVE THANKS

For all those celebrating birthdays this month,
especially *Allyson Pancott and Kelsey Muir.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died.

SERVING TODAY			
Altar Guild:	Pattie Booker, Jinger Hartsfield, Alisan Henderson, Carisa Gring	10am Music:	Emily Watkins SMC Choir
Bread Baker:	Kathy Wynn	Altar Greens:	Chris Delaney
Ushers:	8:00 am Nick Carper	10:00 am Monty Harris	Coffee Hour: Jan & Bob Andersen
		Reader/Chalice:	Brian Penny
		Acolyte:	Josh Penny

CALENDAR

TODAY

3/11— 8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist—**LENT 4**
9am: Choir Rehearsal 9:30am: Sunday School
9:30am: Self-Directed Stations of the Cross (*Chapel*)

THIS WEEK

3/14— 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist
6pm: Supper & Lenten Evening Worship at Christ Church
7pm: AA Meeting
3/15— 7pm: Bible & Beer (*Pietro's Pizza*)

UPCOMING

3/18— 8am: Faith Fair 8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist—**LENT 5**
9am: Choir Rehearsal 9:30am: Sunday School
4:30pm: Confirmation Gathering
3/19— 7pm: Vestry Meeting
3/21— 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist
6pm: Supper & Lenten Evening Worship at Bolingbroke
7pm: AA Meeting

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 3/12—10am OEA
8pm Counterparts Singers
Friday, 3/16— 10am AA

"Pilgrimage to Jerusalem" Lenten Worship Dinner Schedule			
WEEK	DATE/TIME/LOCATION	THEMES	
		GENERAL	CULINARY
4	March 14th, 6:00pm Christ Church, Ithan	Prayer EUCHARIST	Olive-Themed Recipes Food of the Holy Land
5	March 21st, 6:00pm Bolingbroke	Discipleship	Family Favorites

Holy Week Calendar



Holy Week
Journey Together

Palm Sunday

March 25th
8 & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Services

Maundy Thursday

March 29th
7 p.m. All Night Vigil

Good Friday

11 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12 p.m. Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service and Baptism

Easter Sunday

8 & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Services
11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

***PLEASE NOTE:** All Holy Week services take place at St. Martin's Church.*

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