

Welcome to  
**CHRIST CHURCH**  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 7, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)



### Notes on this week's readings:

Welcome to Christ Church. The ultimate saving action of God, in the dying and rising of Jesus, was preceded by a series of salvation events in the history of Israel. Today, in that series of events, we reach the most important of the Old Testament actions of God, the time of the Exodus when Israel is definitively established as the chosen people and God makes the Covenant with the people at Mount Sinai. God's salvation of Israel requires a response by the people which is described in the Decalogue (Ten Commandments). Note that the grounds for these commandments is stated at the beginning, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

In the second reading, Paul speaks of the true wisdom which brings salvation. Rather than human wisdom, God places before us what seems to be foolish, the crucifixion of Jesus. In the dying and rising of Jesus, God showed that the divine power is greater than any human power or wisdom.

The Gospel reading is John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple. That event may be taken as an image of Christ cleansing us from sin in Baptism. We are the continuation of the ancient people of God who were saved in the Exodus and given the Commandments. In the dying and rising of Jesus, salvation has been extended to all people. Through Baptism, we have become part of Jesus' Body and have died and are being raised with him. We use this time of Lent to recall all that God is doing for us in Jesus, and to prepare for the renewal of our redemption at Easter.

# Sunday Morning Prayer For March 7, 2021

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

### Hymnal 147: Now let us all with one accord



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

*Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. Praise the Lord, 1972, alt.*

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

### The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, + forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.  
*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
*Come let us adore him.*

### Venite

*Come let us sing to the Lord,\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,\*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, And will be forever. Amen.*

### Antiphon

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## The Psalm

Psalm 19 *Deus, Deus meus*

- <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.*

## Gloria Patri

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson— Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words [to Moses on Mount Sinai]: <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 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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and 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; 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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so 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 male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 14     A Song of Penitence—Kyrie Pantokrator     *Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

*O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \**  
*God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:*  
*You made the heavens and the earth, \**  
*with all their vast array.*  
*All things quake with fear at your presence; \**  
*they tremble because of your power.*  
*But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \**  
*it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.*  
*O Lord, you are full of compassion, \**  
*long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.*  
*You hold back your hand; \**  
*you do not punish as we deserve.*  
*In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \**  
*that they may repent of their sin and be saved.*  
*And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \**  
*and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.*  
*I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \**  
*and I know my wickedness only too well.*

*Therefore I make this prayer to you: \**

*Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.*

*Do not let me perish in my sin, \**

*nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.*

*For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \**

*and in me you will show forth your goodness.*

*Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \**

*and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.*

*For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \**

*and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### The New Testament Lesson—1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>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. <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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness 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 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.*

### Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah—*Benedictus Dominus Deus* Luke 1: 68-79

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \**

*he has come to his people and set them free.*

*He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \**

*born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old,*

*that he would save us from our enemies, \**

*from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers \**

*and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \**

*to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear, \**

*holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The Gospel—John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <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, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>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 Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sermon**

*+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

## The Creed

### The Apostle's Creed

*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.*

## The Prayers

### The Lord's 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

### The Suffrages

V. Lord, reveal your love among us;  
*R. That we may know the joy of your salvation.*

V. Grant peace within and among all nations;  
*R. And teach our leaders wisdom.*

V. Endow your Church with faithfulness;  
*R. And her servants with knowledge and true godliness.*

V. Defend, O Lord, the rights of the poor and the oppressed;  
*R. That your justice may be known among all people.*

V. Lord, renew your Spirit within us;  
*R. That in us and through us your will may be done.*

Collect of the Day: The Third Sunday in Lent

*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.*

A Collect for Sundays

*O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

For Mission

*Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Hymn: To my humble supplication

*To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptation  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when  
two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Ending

### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

+The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Hymnal 688: A mighty fortress is our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,  
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage - we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

## Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

### For a Birthday

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### For the Anniversary of a Marriage

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### March Birthdays

2 Betty Fuqua  
3 Alyssa Bolton  
5 Brad Reeves Jr.  
9 Carol Jubinski  
9 Linda Deatruck  
11 Bill Bennett  
11 Jason Dean  
11 Virginia Raley  
13 John Deatruck  
15 Caroline Baldwin  
19 Dawn Tierney  
20 James Westerfield

### March Anniversaries

25 Suzanne & Marvin Smith  
30 Coletta & Tom Oliver



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