**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

**March 7, 2021**

**Prelude: Jesus, Priceless Treasure --Michael Burkhardt**

**HYMN: 693 Just as I am**

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| *Celebrant* | Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins; |
| ***People*** | **His mercy endureth for ever.** |

### The Decalogue: Traditional

God spake these words, and said:  
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of  
Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none  
other gods but me.  
Lord have mercy upon us,and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the  
likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth  
beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow  
down to them, nor worship them.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law*.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law*.

Honor thy father and thy mother.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law*.

Thou shalt do no murder.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law*.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law*.

Thou shalt not covet.  
*Lord have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God**,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

**The Priest:** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

The Priest: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with You**

The Priest: Let us pray

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** ***Exodus 20:1-17***

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.

*Reader* **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

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

**Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant***

1 The heavens dec \* clare / the glory of God; //  
and the firmament \* shows / his \* handiwork.  
  
2 One day \* tells its / tale to an \* nother , //  
and one night im \* parts / knowledge to an \* other.  
  
3 Although they \* have / no words or language, //  
and their \* voices / are not \* heard,  
  
4 Their sound has gone \* out / into all \* lands, //  
and their \* message / to the ends of the \* world.  
  
5 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.  
  
6 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.  
  
7 The law of the Lord is \* perfect /  
and revives the \* soul; //  
the testimony of the Lord is \* sure /  
and gives wisdom to the \* innocent.  
  
8 The statutes of the Lord are \* just /  
and rejoice the \* heart; //  
the commandment of the Lord is \* clear /  
and gives light to the \* eyes.  
  
9 The fear of the Lord is \* clean /  
and endures for \* ever; //  
the judgments of the Lord are \* true /  
and righteous alto \* gether.  
  
10 More to be desired are they than \* gold, /  
more than much \* fine gold, //  
sweeter far than \* honey, /  
than honey in the \* comb.  
  
11 By them \* also / is your servant en \* lightened, //  
and in keeping \* them / there is great re \* ward.  
  
12 Who can \* tell / how often he offends? //  
cleanse me \* from / my secret \* faults.  
  
13 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 of \* fense.  
  
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my \*  
heart / be acceptable in your \* sight, //  
O Lord, my \* strength / and my re \* deemed.  
  
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. A \* men.

**Second Reading** ***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.

*Reader* **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

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

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

***People*** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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 Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED**

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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth,  
unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Provenzano his assistant and assisting bishops, Bishop Bernard Oringa Balmoi with their all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

We remember all who have committed themselves to our prayers especially: Jules, Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Robert Chapman, Merritt Randall, Jeanne and Pete and their family, John Gentile, Nils Blatz, Cheryl Bernard, Celia LaSala-Baldwin, Rich, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, John Hopwood, Darlene, Fr. Steve, John Wilkens, Arthur, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Fatima, Marcus, Maria, Michele, Eva, Raajiv, Lucianne, Leslie, Judy, Lucy, Gerjett Singh, Eleanor, Walter, Marie, Anna, Nancy, Louise, Barbara Wilson, Lawrence and Susan Schulz, Sharnelle Harry, David Kaye, Carol, Kara, Janet and Bernie, Maynard Poole, Charles Nuels, Marie Callahan, Justin, Bill (son of Fr. Gary)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially: beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [                     and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

*The Presider Bids the Peace*

*Offertory Sentence*

**Eucharistic Prayer I**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
faces them and sings or says*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And with thy spirit**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**People: It is meet and right so to do**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto  
ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and  
we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold  
to say, **Our Father**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying  
this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. *Amen.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Those at home are invited to feed on him with faith in a spiritual communion**

**A South African Spiritual Communion Prayer.**

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer But hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes

When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.

**Post communion Prayer**

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the  
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Concluding Hymn: HYMN: 693 Just as I am**

**Postlude: Jesus, Priceless Treasure --Charles Ore**