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Desert's Hand -- Mario Irarrazabal, Atacama Desert, Chile

DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT + MARCH 15, 2020, 10 AM



To allow individuals to prepare their hearts and minds for worship, we kindly ask that the sanctuary be a place of quiet prayer and reflection before the service begins. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices.

Thank you!

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The season of Lent—from an Old English word meaning “Spring,” the time of lengthening days—spans 40 days: from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays.

Traditionally, this time of year has been a period of solemn preparation, self-examination, and repentance. Remembering the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry, some Christians adopt Lenten “disciplines”: giving up an item of food, taking on a prayer or devotional practice, taking a technology fast, or simply setting aside time each day to be present with God and those they love.

Lenten liturgy is characterized by solemnity and simplicity. The Gloria and the word “Alleluia” are omitted and will not return until the Easter Vigil. Violet is the color used for vestments during this season.

THE OPENING RITE

PRELUDE

PHILIP RANDOLPH, MUSICIAN

OPENING SENTENCE

MARK 8:34

(BCP p. 76)

Presider: Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Please stand as able.

OPENING HYMN

COME THOU FOUNT

Blue Hymnal #686

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 79)

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed. Followed by the congregation saying together:
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.

Presider: 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.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **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.**

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

VENITE

COME LET US SING TO THE LORD

Insert



Please be seated.

THE PSALM

PSALM 95

The Presider and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- 7 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!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**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 READING

EXODUS 17:1-7

PHILIP RANDOLPH

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and



Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 14

Please stand as able.
A SONG OF PENITENCE

(BCP pp. 90-91)

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.

Please be seated.



THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

STAN HAYE

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CHURCH IN ROME:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 16

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

(BCP pp. 92-93)

**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.**

Please be seated.



THE THIRD READING

JOHN 4:5-42

CATHY KLINE

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to



stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Blue Hymnal #699

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

CATHY KLINE

POSTULANT, EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 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.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be seated afterwards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

EPHESIANS 5:2

(BCP p. 376)

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

Please stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

O MASTER, LET ME WALK

Blue Hymnal #660

DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal #380 Verse 3

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.



THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 97)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us 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.

SUFFRAGES B

(BCP p. 98)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 DISCERNMENT

(adapted from *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*
by Edward Hays)

Awaken me as you breathe upon a winter-wrapped earth, gently calling to life the season of Spring, oh God. Awaken in these fortified days of Lenten prayer and disciple my youthful dream of holiness. Show me how to take the daily things of life and, by submerging them in the sacred, to infuse them with a great love for you, one another, and our creation. Guide me in my discernment to be an animator/advocate in my community to perform simple acts of love, prayer and real works of renewal of your good creation. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Heavenly Father; Creator of heaven and earth, we praise you for your loving kindness in all you have created and all you have granted for us.

We praise you, Lord

For the gift of Jesus, and his gift of salvation through his sacrifice on the cross.

We thank you, Lord



For our Baptism by your Holy Spirit who frees us and guides us according to your will, baptizing us through the church to be your people.

We thank you, Lord

Empower us Lord, to show your love to others even as we pray.

We pray to you, Lord

For your church in this place and all over the world.

We pray to you, Lord

For our Bishops and for all clergy and leaders of our church communities that they may be faithful ministers of your will.

We pray to you, Lord

For St. Raphael's, Episcopal Church in Oakhurst;

We pray to you, Lord

For the world you so love that we may be ever so mindful of your creation.

We pray to you, Lord

For the leaders of this nation and for all those in authority that they may show equal justice and serve with love for all your people.

We pray to you, Lord

For the needs of this community and its people that we may provide for their needs and come to their aide.

We pray to you, Lord

For those in need of special care, those who are sick, without jobs, despair, depression, that we may hear their call and respond to their needs.

We pray to you, Lord

For those who have passed on to your everlasting kingdom and for the families who are mourning their loss.

We pray to you, Lord

Lord, as we walk with you on your journey to Jerusalem let us be mindful of others who face hate and danger every day; Let us pray for those fleeing their homelands and those who face hatred in any parts of the world.

We pray to you, Lord

For all you have provided and all the blessings of our lives.

We thank you, Lord

For the special prayers of your people:

(The People may add their prayers and thanksgivings)

We pray to you, **and we thank you, Lord**

Presider: God eternal, keep us in communion with your saints of all time, that we may worthily serve you as people of your everlasting covenant until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven, for to you, through Jesus Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise and honor. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

(BCP p. 100)

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.**



THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

(BCP p. 101)

Let us pray.

**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.**

CLOSING HYMN

IN YOUR MERCY, LORD

Blue Hymnal #706

DISMISSAL

(BCP p. 126)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(BCP p. 126)

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.**

~Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~



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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

PRESIDER:	Cathy Kline
ALTAR GUILD:	Rod Ditzler
1ST READING:	Philip Randolph
2ND READING:	Stan Haye
USHER:	Alana Spurling
COUNTERS:	Rod Ditzler Alana Spurling



NEWS

Please be in prayer and discernment for the following volunteer positions:

Care of Creation Animator/Advocate

Coffee Hour Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Today	Acolyte Training	11:00 AM
	Monthly Bishop's Committee Meeting	~11:30 AM
	Parish Hall Library	
Tue., Mar. 17	Food Pantry Open	9-11 AM
	St Michael's Parish Hall	
Sun., Mar. 22	Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM
	The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding	
Sun., Mar. 29	Sunday Morning Prayer Service	10:00 AM
	Alms Sunday	
	The loose cash offerings will be designated for the Parish Discretionary Fund.	
Fri., Apr. 3	The Service of the Way of the Cross	12 Noon
Sun., Apr. 5	Palm Sunday Service	10:00 AM
	The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding	
Tue., Apr. 7	Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Chrism Mass	10:00 AM
	at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, Fresno	
Thu., Apr. 9	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 PM
Fri., Apr. 10	Good Friday Service	6:00 PM
	The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding	
	A special Good Friday offering will be collected for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East	
Sat., Apr. 11	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:30 PM
	The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding	
Sun., Apr. 12	Easter Day Service	10:00 AM
	The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding	
Mon., Apr. 13	Kern County Senior Box Day	Noon-1 PM
	St Michael's Parish Hall, must be 60 years old or over, bring picture ID	
Sun., Apr. 19	Sunday Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Monthly Bishop's Committee Meeting	~11:30 AM
	Parish Hall Library	
Tue., Apr. 21	Food Pantry Open	9-11 AM
	St Michael's Parish Hall	

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For assistance in obtaining pastoral care please contact our Senior Warden, Richard Hendricks (phone: 760-608-0396, email: richard.w.hendricks@gmail.com).

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OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10 AM
Girl Scouts: Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Senior Box Day, Second Monday of the Month, 12 Noon
Food Pantry Open, Third Tuesday of the Month, 9-11 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon	9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon

LONG TERM SUPPLY PRIEST

The Rev. Paul Clark

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Sr. Warden: Richard Hendricks

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Philip Randolph, Clerk	Cathy Kline	David Waller, Jr. Warden
David Segovia	Cassidi Reese	Sandy Davis
Treasurer: Lisa Kidder		

2020 DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

Philip Randolph and Cassidi Reese

1st Alternate: Richard Hendricks 2nd Alternate: Alana Spurling



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

THE RT. REV'D DAVID C. RICE, EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF SAN JOAQUIN

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