



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

April 3, 2021, 10 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRESIDER

Richard Hendricks

READER

Dave Waller

OPENING AND CONFESSION

The presider is seated informally (no procession).

OPENING SENTENCE

I JOHN 1:8, 9

(BCP p. 76)

Presider: 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 79)

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 forever. Amen.**

PSALM 95

(BCP p. 724)

The Presider and the People read responsively.

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

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!

**Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, *

though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my wrath, *

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

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

Please be seated.



THE PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 126

(BCP p. 782)

(The Leader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory 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.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:16-21

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 14

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.

(Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15)

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not



consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

(Luke 1: 68-79)

Glory 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.

Please be seated.

THE THIRD READING

JOHN 12:1-8

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her



alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

written by THE REV. DR. MARSHALL JOLLY

26th Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Morganton, North Carolina

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A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

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 PRAYERS

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 153)

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (*BCP p. 218*)

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

(*BCP p. 99*)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The Presider and People pray responsively.

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon your Church. Fill with your life and grace Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, and all your people. May we be good news to those poor in spirit and poor in resources.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon us who are called by your name. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Nigeria, and in our diocese we pray for the work and ministry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in San Andreas.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon the nations of the earth. Challenge them with your justice and mercy. May Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and all in authority work with integrity for the common good.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon this community. Prosper the work of your church. May our lives be signs of your kingdom, and a blessing for those among whom we live and work.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon all living in sickness or distress. Make known your healing presence to Stan, Rita, Robert, and all in need. May earth and heaven resound with your praise.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon those whom we love but see no longer. Fulfill in all who have died your promise of resurrection. May we with them come to the fulfillment of your redemption.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.**

DISMISSAL

(BCP p. 102)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(BCP p. 154)

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. ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lenten Bible Study during Coffee Hour continues.

Evening Prayer followed by "Bible Study with the Saints"

Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. | Zoom ID: 86184998917 | Password: 573597

Please mail your offerings to the church (at the mailing address above) or give to the church online using tithe.ly (<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2212452>).

For pastoral care: please call Deacon Cathy at 760-384-8824 or email countmyblessings1@gmail.com

Worship with St. Michael's during Holy Week.

- Palm Sunday, April 10: We will gather in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. for the Blessing of the Palm Branches. We will then process into the church.
- Thursday, April 14: Zoom Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 928 461 1047, Password: StMichael
- Good Friday, April 15
 - The Way of the Cross, 12 Noon
 - Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.
- The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Easter Day, April 17, 10 a.m.

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.

This service conforms to Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two, which begins on page 75 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal) and are excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Psalm texts are taken from the BCP. Other liturgical elements may include materials compiled from publications including Enriching Our Worship (EOW) and the 2018 Book of Occasional Services (BOS).