

# St. John's Episcopal Church



March 24, 2019

The Third Sunday in Lent

9am Eucharist, followed by coffee hour

## Today's Service Leaders

### 9am

Reader – Jim Hawkins  
Prayers – Paula Hawkins  
Chalice – Shelley Miller  
Crucifer – Jason Chan  
Acolyte – Liza Chan  
Ushers – Tom & Sue Gallant  
Counting – Julie Bliss & Patti Schaal  
Organ – Cathy Veldhuizen  
Coffee Hour – ECW  
Close Building – Patti Schaal

### Service Leaders for March 31 – The Rev Vickie Natzke

#### 8am

Reader – Kate Kipp  
Prayers – Patti Schaal  
Acolyte/Chalice – Ruth Schuette  
Usher – Ron Alexander

#### 10am

Reader – Will Fowle  
Prayers – Shelley Miller  
Chalice – Vickie Richmond Hawkins  
Crucifer – Leon Veldhuizen  
Acolyte – Sue Gallant  
Ushers – Joan Hannes & Steve Miller  
Counting – Vickie Richmond Hawkins & Brad Bollmann  
Coffee Hour – *Needed*  
Close Building – *Needed*

March Altar Guild – Vickie Richmond Hawkins & Julie Bollmann

## **Prelude**

*Once the organist begins the prelude, we respectfully ask that you keep a period of silence and take this time to prepare yourself for participating in the Eucharistic feast.*

## **Penitential Order**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*O bless the Lord, my soul (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                His mercy endures for ever.

### **DECALOGUE**

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.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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

*The following is said, all standing*

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

**FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15**

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the

Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
<sup>3</sup>For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
<sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
<sup>5</sup>My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
<sup>6</sup>When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For

they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

*All stand.*

*Forty days and forty nights*

**(H 150)**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell

you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand.*

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**

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

God our Creator: During this transitional period in our congregation, open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit, and help us to discern Your call. Guide each of us to realize our importance in the process. Help us to identify and use our individual spiritual gifts to develop the purpose and mission. You have entrusted to us in your love and mercy. Sustain us as a vibrant, welcoming, and patient community that is ready to invite a new priest to share our journey. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS**

*Prayers may be found on the bookmarks in the pews.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**— Solo by Greg Lamansky

*Gladly would I be enduring (J.S. Bach)*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the

last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

**THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

*This is God's table and it is God's meal we all share in as God's children. Please feel free to join us for Communion. If you have questions, please speak to an usher or someone serving communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*What wondrous love is this*

**H 439**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING**

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy and Grace of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for  
ever.

*People* **Amen**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*When Israel was in Egypt's Land*

**H 648**

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **IN NEED OF PRAYER....IN NEED OF CARE?**

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

Vickie Richmond Hawkins, Sr. Warden

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## **WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?**

When you become seriously ill, are dealing with a newly diagnosed disease or condition, or are hospitalized for treatment, surgery or rehabilitation. When you are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional or financial crisis. When you become concerned for the person who usually shares the pew with you because he or she has not been in church.

When you experience one of life's many transitions: a birth, a death, a job loss/change, a move, an empty nest, retirement, etc.

When you need prayer and care but don't want to "bother" anyone with your troubles – please contact us anyway; you will not be "bothering" us!

## **Intercession List**

### **Parish Members:**

Betty Smith, John Sukup, Pat Evenson, Barb Knutson,  
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Jeff Buchholz, Evelyn Sommi, Carl & Sally Hertting,  
Tom Gallant, Jim Lapointe, Richard Hawkins

**Our seminarian:** Erik Evenson

### **Others to Pray For:**

Taffy, Joyce, Keegan, Marina, Jack, Michele, David, Krista, Ruth,  
Richard, Terrie, Beth, Diane, Sally, Cullen, Mary, John, Pat  
Carolyn & Elmer, Elizabeth, Erin

Bishop Godfrey and the Anglican Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe  
(our companion diocese)

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## OUR VESTRY MEMBERS:

**Sr Warden:** Vickie Richmond Hawkins

**Jr Warden:** Steve Miller

**Clerk of Vestry:** Dixie Terrell Wilhite

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