



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Liturgy of the Word  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**The Reverend Jennifer Kezirian West, Priest**

**Prelude**

**A Penitential Order: Rite Two**

**BCP 351**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures forever.**

**The Confession**

**BCP 352**

**Trisagion**

**BCP 356**

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

**The Collect of the Day**

Officiant God be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
Officiant 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, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading**

**Exodus 20: 1-17**

#### **A Reading from Exodus**

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

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 forever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

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 enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

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 offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

### **The Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

### **A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Jennifer Kezirian West**

### **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**

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and our Bishop Nicholas Knisley; for this virtual gathering; and for all ministers and people. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our retired bishops, George Hunt and GERALYN WOLF.

**Pray for the Church.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

**Pray for justice and peace.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for Sue, Vinny, Ronnie, Norman, Ray, Denise, Paul, Brad, Elaine, David, Michael, Bob and MJ.

**Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

**Pray that they may find and be found by him.**

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the looming availability of the COVID vaccine and for those on the front lines especially Lynne Schoer, Cheryl Boscia, Lyndsey Bain, Amy Sundstrom, Karen Furia, Rachel Briden Paul Correa and Alan Cotnoir.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

**Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

*Silence*

**Celebrant** : Let us say together : A prayer for our community or church in this time.

**Loving God, we pray for St. David's in this time of crisis. Deliver us from simply desiring to go "back to normal," and give us grace instead to be open to the opportunities that your Spirit brings in this time of separation. Grant that we may come out of this crisis with open eyes, more fully available to the needs of those most vulnerable and those whose labor we**

**have always depended on. Give us creative hearts to embrace and carry forward the new ways we have found to connect with one another; and in your good time bring us safely back together as a people renewed in the knowledge of your faithfulness and abiding love and strengthened for the work ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

## **The Peace**

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

**The Sanctus**

**BCP 362**

**The Lords Prayer**

**BCP 364**

## **The invitation to Holy Communion**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all.

**Beloved Jesus,**

**I believe that you are present**

**In the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

**I love you above all things, and**

**I desire to receive you in my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you**

**In the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**The Book of Common Prayer can be found online.**

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