



# **ST. MICHAEL'S**

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **ARLINGTON, VA**

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Virtual Worship**

**Welcome!**

Welcome to virtual worship with the greater St. Michael's community! You honor us by participating in this service. The root of the word liturgy is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in this virtual community works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here in this virtual space.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

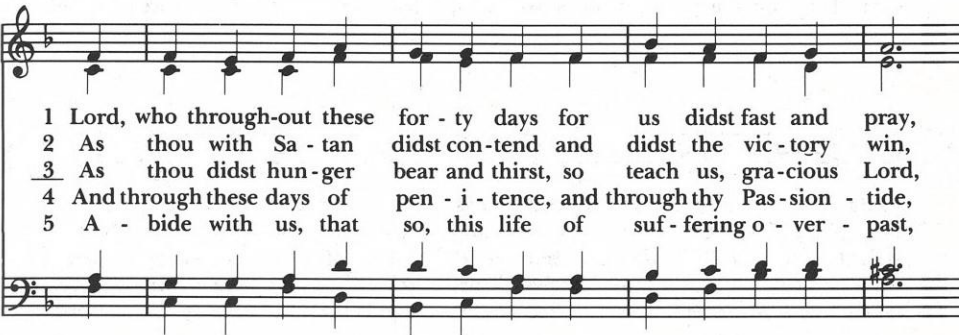
During this time of worshipping virtually what you will find is an order for ante-communion, or in more familiar language, the Liturgy of the Word. Until we can safely gather together and share in breaking of the bread and the common cup, we will feast on Holy Scripture. Jesus told his disciples, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." We trust that God's presence is very much with us as we share our intentions and prayers in worship.

# The Liturgy of the Word

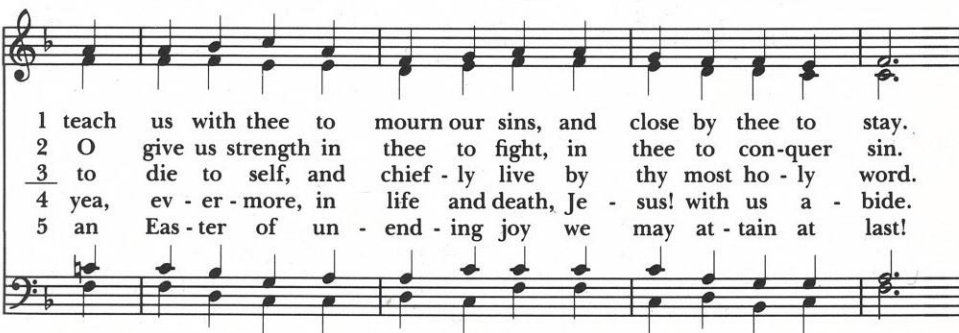
## Opening Hymn: 142

Lent

142



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that 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. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
**Father forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
**Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
**Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
**Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women and children,  
**Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
**Father, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## The Lessons

A reading from **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 labor 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.

## 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 for ever; \*  
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.

### A reading from **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.

### A reading from **John 2:13-22**

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 Sermon**

**The Rev. Beth Franklin**

## **The Prayers of the People** Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;  
Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our bishops; Beth, our rector; Amanda our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions)*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence (The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom.

*Silence (The People may add their own petitions)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Let us pray together using the words Jesus taught us,

**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.**

## **Prayer for Communion**

**God of Love, we thank you for bringing us together in this place, on this day to honor and to celebrate you and your People, the living, loving Body of Christ. Jesus told his disciples, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Bless this gathering as a sacramental rite, a visible sign of your love for us, and our love for one another. Even in the absence of the bread and the wine, let us feed on You, your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in our hearts, with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.**

## **Closing Prayer**



# Closing Hymn: 137

## Just As I Am

137



1. Just — as I am, — with - out — one plea, But  
 2. Just — as I am, — though tossed — a - bout With  
 3. Just — as I am, — poor, wretched - ed, blind; Sight  
 4. Just — as I am, — thou wilt — re - ceive; Wilt  
 5. Just — as I am, — thy love — un - known Has  
 6. Just — as I am, — of thy — great love The



1. that — thy blood was shed for me,  
 2. ma - ny - a con - flict, ma - ny - a doubt;  
 3. rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 4. wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,  
 5. bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;  
 6. breadth, — length, depth, and height to prove,



1. And — that thou bidd'st — me come to thee, — O  
 2. Fight - ings and fears — with - in, with - out, — O  
 3. Yea, — all I need — in thee to find, — O  
 4. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, — O  
 5. Now — to be thine, — yea, thine a - lone, — O  
 6. Here — for a sea - son, then a - bove: — O



Lamb of God, — I come, I come. come.



Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)  
 Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

## Activities This Week At St. Michael's

Sun., Mar. 7	9:00 AM	Virtual Service
Mon., Mar. 8	6-8 PM	Sanctuary open for individual prayer
Tue., Mar. 9	12-3 PM	Sanctuary open for individual prayer
Tue., Mar. 9	7:30 PM	Finance Committee
Sun., Mar. 14	9:00 AM	Virtual Service

## Those Serving Today

Seminarian	Amanda Doshier
Music	Noel Warford
Zoom Manager	Annabelle Monahan

## Prayer List Week of March 7, 2021

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the region of Arlington, we pray for St. Andrew's. In the Diocese of Virginia we pray for the Potomac Region churches: All Saints, Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; Church of the Spirit, Alexandria; La Iglesia de San Marcos, Alexandria; Olivet, Alexandria; Pohick, Lorton; St. Aidan's, Alexandria; St. James', Mt. Vernon, Alexandria; St. Luke's, Wellington, Alexandria; St. Margaret's, Woodbridge; St. Mark's, Alexandria. We pray for leaders of churches everywhere, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our bishops; Beth, our rector, and Amanda our seminarian.

We pray for goodwill among nations; for Joe, our President, Antonio, Secretary General of the United Nations, Ralph, our Governor, members of the Arlington County Board, and all those in authority. We pray for the welfare of those serving our nation at home and abroad, especially Jeremy, Georganna, and Annamarie.

In our Parish Family we pray for Erin, Silas, Roberta, Margot, Paul, Anthony, Leroy, Cindy, Sarah, Connor, Lisa, Libby, Paula, Charles, and Norma.

In our greater community, we pray for Cindy, Rita and Paul, George, Emily, Andrew, Cate, Wendy, Ethan, Marion, Roland, Joe, Whitney, Dave, Henry, Richard, Becky, Susan, Keith, Martha, Barbara, Betty, Joyce, Doris, Susan, Evelyn, Janet, Jennifer, JoAnn, Devon, the Smith family, Marjory, Mary, Laura, Kathy, Barbara, Molly, Kerri, Luke, Matthew, Tony, the Flynn family, Casie, Becky, Evelyn, all doctors, nurses and health care staff members, all funeral home staff members, elected officials, all essential workers, all parents, all students and teachers, all those unemployed or furloughed, and all staff and residents of nursing homes especially Goodwin House, Culpeper Garden, Regency, Powhatan, Larmax, and the Virginian.

We remember David Rastall, Caroline Planting, Ernie Latimer, Maria Abbott, Bill Weiler, and all those who have died.