

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2021 - 9:30 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Prelude

The service begins with the sound of the church bell.

The Opening Hymn

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1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

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.

Silence is kept.

The Celebrant and people say 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.

The Celebrant 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.

Kyrie Eleison - *Sung twice altogether.*

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The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

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.

People Amen.

The Lessons

Please be seated.

A Reading from Exodus

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk. The Reader reads the first line. The people respond with the next line.

Psalm 19 vv 7-14

- 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 the First Letter to the Corinthians

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

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Please stand as you are able.

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

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The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People 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 Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Celeste Cox

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and remain standing through the Peace.

The Celebrant and people say together

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

A Reader leads the prayers. The people respond to each prayer with "Lord, graciously hear us."

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and strength.

Lord Jesus, you teach us to love our neighbors and to care for those in need as if we are caring for you. Free us from all that divides us, and let us see in each other only our common humanity. Heal our hatreds, prejudices, and selfish ways. Empower us to love one another as you love us.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you command us: do not be afraid. Heal our fearful hearts, and give us courage to live each day as your faithful disciples, proclaiming the good news of your kingdom with everything we say and do. Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen us to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation and neither shall we learn war any more. Heal us from dependence on violence and inspire us to live in peace. Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you. Heal us from idolatry: from worshiping bricks and stones, silver and gold, false doctrines, and temporal leaders. Keep us ever mindful that we, the Baptized, are your Church and that you alone are our Lord. Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you are Wonderful Counselor to all who call upon you with sincerity and faith. Bless our nation with brave, truthful, selfless, and wise leaders, and inspire our citizens to live with dignity, integrity, humility, compassion, and generosity. Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick and raise the dead. In your mercy, bless all who are sick, suffering, anxious, lonely, overwhelmed, exhausted, grieving, and in pain. We pray for those in our Parish Prayers and those we name now (*Silence*). Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, you promise new life to all who trust in you. We commend to your mercy everyone who has died, especially those in our Parish Prayers and those we name now (*Silence*). Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

And now let us pray together:

The Reader and people say together

Almighty God, we thank you for Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, our Christian home, and for every gift and grace that we receive from you. In your mercy, O God, bless our church. Fill us with your truth, guide us with your Spirit, and grant us all things necessary for our common life. Make us one heart, one soul, one mind, joined in one holy bond of faith, hope, and love. Inspire us to be abundant in generosity, hospitality, and charity. Strengthen us to do your will and make us bold to proclaim your salvation to all the world. Bless our priests, staff, Wardens and Vestry, and all the ministries, ministers and people of our Church. All this we pray to you through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

The Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

Please be seated.

Anthem

Come, thou fount of every blessing - 686

The Great Thanksgiving

The lines in italics are spoken by the people. Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and people say together

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

When invited, the People say

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection: I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and people say together

God of abundance, you have nourished us through our worship; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People *Amen.*

The Prayer for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The Dismissal

The Celebrant says

Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Postlude

Sunday Forum

Following the 9:30 AM Sunday worship service, join by Zoom with Saint Anne's clergy and congregation members for fellowship and conversation. As well as chatting and catching up with how everyone is doing, we will also have time to discuss questions arising from the Scripture readings and sermon. Everyone is welcome. [Click Here to Join.](#)

The Coronavirus At One-Year: A Commemoration

On Wednesday, March 1, 2020, in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in Delaware, Saint Anne's suspended all in-person gatherings. On Friday, March 13, 2020, Saint Anne's, in response to the Bishop's directive, suspended all in-person worship. To commemorate the one-year anniversary of our suspending in-person worship and gatherings because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we will offer a special reflection and prayers on Sunday, March 14 at 9:30 AM during our live broadcast worship service. Also, during this service, Fr. Russ, Rector of Saint Anne's Church, will announce plans for re-gathering for in-person worship. Please join with our Saint Anne's family as we commemorate this important anniversary.

Healing Prayer Service (Zoom) Wednesday, March 17, 12:15 PM

Join priest-in-residence Celeste Cox for a brief service featuring prayers for healing via Zoom. We will lift in prayer persons in our parish prayers as well as others named by those in attendance. Also, optional personal healing prayers will be offered for attendees. Everyone is welcome.

Save the Date - A Virtual Organ Concert
featuring guest musician Paul Byssainthe, Jr.
Friday, March 26 beginning at 7:00 PM

Church Office Reopens

The contractors have completed the installation of the new white oak floors in the Great Hall, Lobby, Offices, Sacristy, and hallway. The Church Offices are now open during normal hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The Food Bag Collection has resumed. Please drop-off food at the Church during normal office hours.

Online Church Directory

Stay connected with our church community, visit:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

First time users will need to register. If you need assistance, please call the Church Office.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, Toni Crane, Donald Davis, Sr., Tara Frankel Becker, Velma Johnson, Gretchen Kessler, Carolyn Lange, Jean McGinnis, Emma Jean O'Rourke, Stan Ricks, Robin Shupe, Anthony Smith, Diane Smith, Christine Tschampel, Holly Vucci & baby, Alan White, Paul Wildey, Patrick Williams, Clare, and Phyllis.

We pray for William Mezier who has died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools, and for Saint Nicholas' Church, Newark.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

For Church activities and announcements, please read *The Messenger*, which is posted on the website: www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org. To receive *The Messenger* via email, please call the Church Office at 302-378-2401.

Worship Participants for Today

Readers: Damien Jones & Isabelle Bohner. Choristers: Jessica Williams & Isabelle Bohner.
Camera: Michael Bohner. Altar Guild: Kathy Cavanaugh.



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Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Gary Stover

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Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

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Church Calendar for the Week of March 7

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Sunday, March 7

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website

Holy Eucharist for the Third Sunday in Lent —9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website and Facebook Page

Sunday Forum—10:45 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom [Click Here to Join](#)

Youth Group 7th & 8th—Great Hall—6:00 PM

Youth Group High School—Great Hall—7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 9

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Thursday, March 11

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Bible Study LIVE—10:00 AM

The Daily Office of Evening Prayer LIVE—6:00 PM

Bible Study by Zoom—6:30 PM

Sunday, March 14

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

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