

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 – 9:30 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Jesus Cleansing the Temple – 17th c. Ethiopian

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Maple Glen, PA 19002
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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude

Good Good Father

by **Pat Barrett**

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **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.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

Old Testament

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.**

New Testament

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Father God

by Dave Bilbrough

Gospel

John 2:13-22

✠ 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 Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Nicene Creed (*standing*)

**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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Daniel our bishop, Rodney our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Thomas our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Terry, Carol, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Bob, Kathy, Cornelia, Joe, Mary, Bill, Jeryl and all those with the coronavirus;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, our patron, and all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all first responders, health care workers, law enforcement, and those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, and their families; for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ. I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

General Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory *Stronger* **by Ben Fielding & Rueben Morgan**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* **by Larry Hampton**

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,

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Anthem *Blessing and Honor* **by Terry MacAlmon**

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion – *for those watching online*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

Communion Hymn *Captivate Us* **by Hall, Nockels & Nockels**

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says the following blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn *Forever Reign* **by Jason Ingram & Rueben Morgan**
Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Lent at St. Matthew's

Weekly Schedule (program details below the schedule)

Monday: 7:30 p.m.: Bible Study on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 910-1184-9622 (3/8 & 3/15)

Tuesday: 7:30 p.m.: Prayer & Share Gathering on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 913-5830-9441

Wednesday: 12:00 p.m.: Noonday Prayer & Lunch on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 943-8248-6248
6:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary, in-person only. *

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.: Morning Prayer on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 923-4782-3061
7:00 p.m.: Living the Lord's Prayer study group on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 989-3231-9987 (This week: Chapters 5 & 6, Thy kingdom come & Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven)

Friday: 7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 939-2242-4572

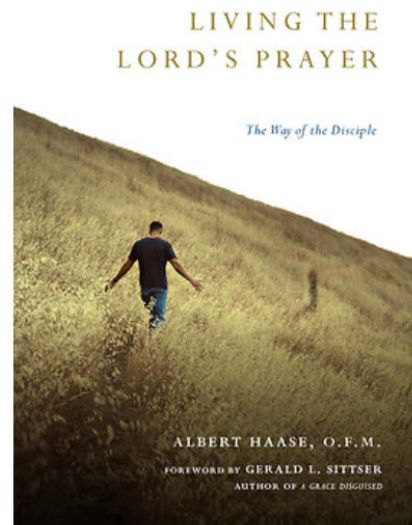
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist, Rite I Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#))*
9:30 a.m.: The Holy Eucharist, Contemporary Service (In-Person and [Livestream](#))*
11:00 a.m.: Adult Lifelong Learning Forum, on [Zoom](#), Mtg ID: 983-7665-6289

* Registration required: register [here](#)

Thursdays, starting February 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

What does it mean to live what you pray? When you pray the Lord's prayer have you often thought about what the words really mean?

Join us in reading the book Living the Lord's Prayer: The Way of the Disciple by Albert Haase, OFM. Father Haase teaches us to think about the words we pray and the meaning our prayers have for our spiritual formation and daily lives. Starting February 25th, we will begin a five-week session from 7 pm to no later than 8:30 pm via [Zoom](#). The book is available at Amazon. If you cannot purchase the book, but would like to attend, please contact the church office at 215-646-4092. Please consider joining us for this Lenten opportunity.



Fridays, starting February 19 @ 7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross via Zoom;
March 5th Youth Friendly Stations of the Cross

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Adult Lifelong Learning Forum

Sundays in Lent we will take a video pilgrimage together through the Holy Land. Offered by Saint George's College, Jerusalem, The Holy Land video series invites one to experience the beauty, wonder and inspiration of this most sacred region. You can view each week's video at your convenience at any point in the week, and then join us on Sundays via [Zoom](#) for conversation and fellowship. The first video in our series is titled: 'A River Through The Desert,' and will be released for viewing on February 15th. Our first Lenten forum will begin on Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am. We look forward to our Journey with Christ together with you!

Jon Clark & Karen Randall, Adult LLL Leaders

Holy Week Schedule (all in-person except Good Friday Stations):

- Palm Sunday (3/28/21) 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon, Tue, Wed in Holy Week (3/29, 3/30, 3/31) 6:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday (4/1) 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/2) 12:00 pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m via Zoom
- Holy Saturday (4/3) 6:00 p.m.: Stay tuned for more information!
- Easter Sunday (4/4) 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.

Communion Under Special Circumstances

Fr. Rodney will now be offering "Communion under Special Circumstances," which is based on the version found on pgs. 396-399 of the BCP. It is a brief service that enables those who are not ready to return to in-person worship to still come to church and receive Holy Communion. Things to know: this service is only between you and Fr. Rodney, all are masked, you will take the host as Fr. Rodney says the appropriate words, and it takes no longer than five minutes. Please contact Fr. Rodney at rector@saintmattsec.org to make an appointment or ask further questions. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please click this [link](#) for more information and a video.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Teenage Prayer Experiment

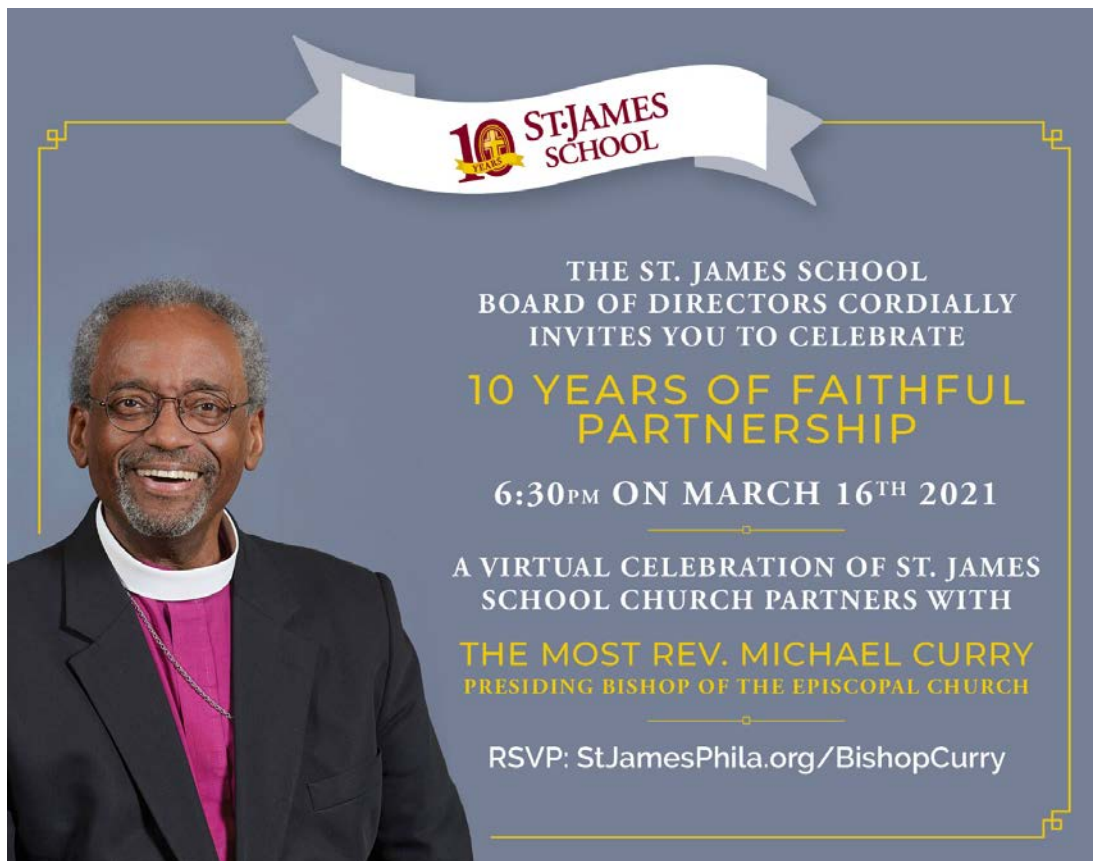
What do you already know about prayer? Has the practice ever been helpful for you? I wonder . . . might there be different ways for us to connect with God than we're used to? Join the members of our Youth Group as we work through a series of ongoing *experiments* titled, **The Teenage Prayer Experiment**. Each chapter of the book introduces a prayer practice (using labyrinths, Lego Bible modelling, prayer beads, prayer walking) and includes comments by youth who have tried out the experiments for themselves. Of course there is space for you to record your own thoughts. Email Anthony at anthony@saintmattsec.org to reserve your free copy for personal use, and for discussion in monthly Youth Group meetings.

Youth Group Schedule: First Mondays

Youth Group is our monthly programming offering for both middle school and high school students. Join us on the first Monday evening of each month for games, fun, fellowship, projects, and lively discussions about our faith. Our next meeting will occur on April 1st, 2021 at 6:00 PM. We are hoping to make Youth Group a bimonthly offering, and to make a transition toward outdoor meetings at Saint Matt's in late March or early April.

Church Office

Please note that the church office is **CLOSED** on **Mondays**. On the other weekdays, you can reach someone by phone (215.646.4092, press #1 for the Parish Manager) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you need to stop by the church for any reason, please call first to arrange a time, or to make sure that someone is on site to let you in. Thank you!



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