

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

# LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

MARCH 7, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the **Online Worship** page of our website.

The SEASON OF LENT is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is traditionally a time of self-examination and repentance through prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on scripture. Lent concludes with the Easter Vigil Service on the night before Easter Day. The forty days of Lent symbolizes the forty years in which the Israelites wandered in the wilderness in search of the Promised Land. It also recalls the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, during which he was tempted. A common practice during Lent is to participate in a Lenten discipline; this can involve giving something up or taking on a new practizee, in order to deepen your faith and bring you closer to Christ. We hope you will join us as the community of St. George's journeys together into the Lenten season.

#### **GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS**

**H** – 1982 Hymnal

**G** – Gather Hymnal

**BCP** – Book of Common Prayer

**W**ELCOME

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); ver. Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: A la venue de Noël, melody from Fleurs des noëls, 1535.

A Penitential Order BCP 351

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Officiant 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.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Officiant 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)

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

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.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.



Setting: From Deutche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 218

Officiant The Lord 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, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING EXODUS 20:1-17

Reader A reading from the book of 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.

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

PSALM 19 CAELI ENARRANT

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

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

SECOND READING 1:18-25

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

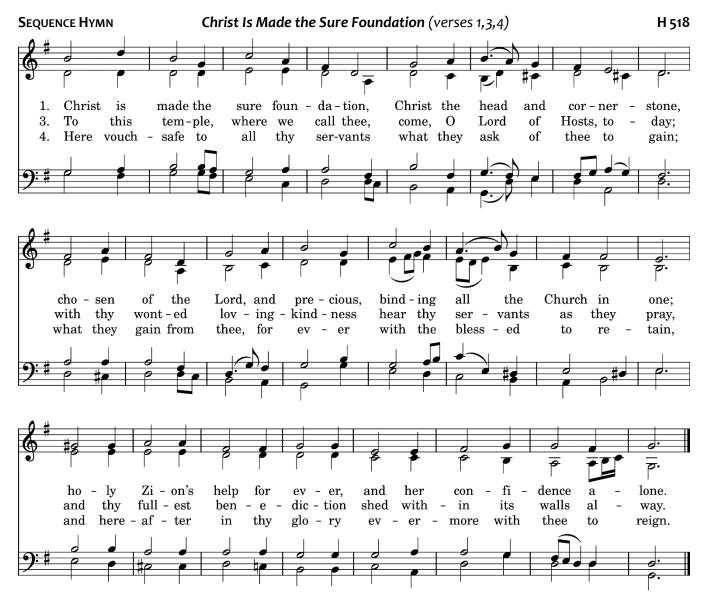
The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"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.

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



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 2:13-22

Officiant 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.

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

THE SERMON THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

NICENE CREED BCP 358

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

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

**BCP 387** 

Intercessor Father, we pray for la Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo, and for your holy Catholic

Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for

all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who govern

and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on Raynelle, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, the Gil Family, Eva, Kacie,

Ralph, Kirk, Janet, Divesh, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, David, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Joanne, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who

suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to Paul, those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for Patrick, Elaine, Emily, Jeremy, Soren, and Richard, as they celebrate

their birthdays, and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

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

People 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.

Officiant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and

especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in

justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the

prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**A**NNOUNCEMENTS

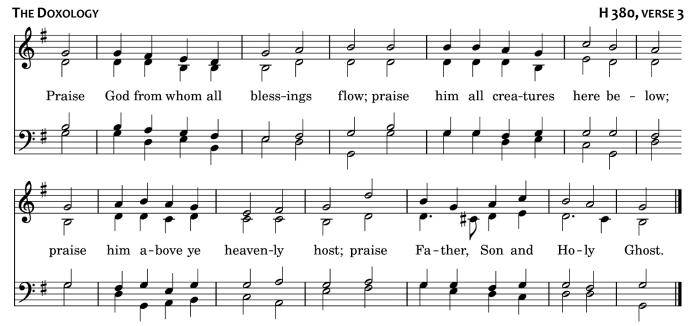
#### THE OFFERTORY

Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations Offerings can be given online at the St. George's Donation page.

Anthem Benediction (Paul Pew) The Choir

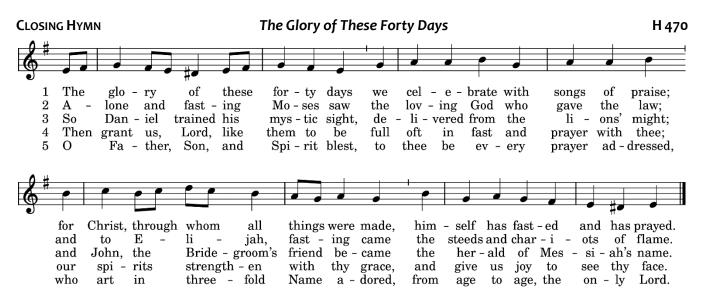
This anthem is offered in memory of longtime St. George's choir member Carolyn Roseboom (died April 2020), whose birthday was May 6<sup>th</sup>.

May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Words: verse 3, Thomas Ken. Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

#### THE BLESSING



Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543.

#### DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Andante Religioso MI-YOUNG KIM

Henry Smith

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After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (passcode: Christ), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

#### For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Raynelle Blech Kirk Hoffman Nancy Rushefsky
August Dolan-Henderson Janet Joslyn Ben Sears
Gladys Dykes Divesh Manohar Glenn Tatum
Phillip Farmer Mark Mays David Treviño, Jr.
Charles Foster Iris McBrayer Preston Tyree

The Gil Family Casey McDonald Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Eva Harpst Mary Parker Tom Wooten

Kacie Harrigan Metis Policano Those suffering from COVID-19

Ralph Hausser Ruben Romero

### For those who have died and their families, especially:

Paul Johnson Those who have died from COVID-19

#### For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Joanne Mays

#### For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

**Andrew Hutton** 

#### For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

#### Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Those who celebrate anniversaries

Patrick Dieringer (Mar 9)
Elaine Hosage (Mar 9)
Soren Schuster (Mar 11)
Emily Dieringer (Mar 10)
Richard Stuart (Mar 11)

#### In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

La Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo St. Peter's, Lago Vista

St. Richard's, Round Rock

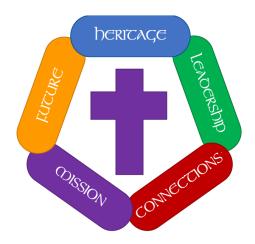
Trinity, Marble Falls

# 2021 LENTEN SERIES The Five Focus Points

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm February 24, and March 3, 10, 17, & 24

# **Zoom Link**

(Meeting ID: 845 8999 3943, Passcode: Lent)



Throughout this year we will zero in on Five Focus Points – Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connection, and Future – as part of our Transition work and calling a new Rector. Each week of the Lenten Series, facilitated by the Rev. Ann McLemore, will be dedicated to one of the five focal points, continuing with Mission on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Each week, you will be invited to have a soup dinner at home, using a "recipe of the week" sent out to the parish, or any other kind of soup you like (homemade or store-bought!). The recipes will also be part of our "Heritage" focus, as they come from the 1983 Cookbook "Simple Gifts," compiled and published by the women of St. George's 38 years ago.

We know everyone is zoomed out, so we hope that this will be a different take for your souls, minds, hearts, stomachs, and maybe even your sense of humor!

# THE SUNDAY BANNER - March 7, 2021

- VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER You are invited to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument to help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends of St. George's, as part of our search for a new Rector. Please complete this survey to tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. If you need a paper copy, please contact Jennifer in the office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com or 512-454-2523, and we will provide one for you along with a stamped envelope addressed to the church. We can also arrange assistance in submitting your answers if you are unable to do so. All answers are strictly anonymous; please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Individual input is key, so we are asking that each adult (including young adults, ages 14 and up) separately complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
- ❖ WEEKLY EUCHARIST TODAY at 12:15 pm, we will begin holding a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist. We have been unable to celebrate the Eucharist together for almost a year, and we're thrilled to begin doing so again! The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require registration. To attend, please register online. The service will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. Communion will include distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the Eucharist online.

- \* EASTER LILIES St. George's will be adorned with Easter lilies for our celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord. We invite you to make an offering for lilies, perhaps in a loved one's memory, or in thanksgiving for a person or other blessing in your life. The 2021 Easter Lily Donation form is available online. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings, will be listed in the Easter service bulletins. Be sure to complete the online form by Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to have your name and dedication listed in the bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20 per plant. Donate online by visiting the St. George's Donation page and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (Other Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, "Easter Lilies" in the notes section), or send a check payable to St. George's, with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line, to the church office.
- ❖ ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS Although altar flowers are not used during the season of Lent, we are using altar candles now that we're once again streaming services from the church. If you would like to donate funds for the altar candles in March (or the months thereafter), please visit the Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar and enter your name and, if you wish, your dedication, next to the month of your choice. The calendar is also open for flower donations for the Sundays after Easter. A donation of \$35 is requested for either flowers or candles (via the St. George's Donation page or by writing a check to St. George's, with "Altar Flowers/Candles" in the memo line).
- CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. As with everything else, the logistics of this have changed with the pandemic, but we continue to deliver baskets, and we need more delivery people! To be a part of this ministry, sign up for one or more weeks between now and June on the Online Christopher House Basket Calendar. A \$10 donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the St. George's Donation Page under Outreach, or by mailing a check to the church office, made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.
- CONTACTING THE INTERIM RECTOR Ann is working on getting to know the parishioners of St. George's and would love to hear from you! You can reach her at <a href="mailto:stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com">stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com</a> or on her cell phone at <a href="mailto:769-257-2377">769-257-2377</a>. She, like many of us, will mostly be working from home, but she would be happy to make appointments to meet with people (masked and socially distanced) at the church.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the St. George's Donation page (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at <a href="https://www.sgchurch.org/stewardship">www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</a>), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- COVID VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION The COVID vaccine is currently being made available to people in category 1A (medical first responders) and 1B (age 65 and over) through Austin Public Health. Whether or not you are in one of those categories, you can pre-register at <a href="www.austintexas.gov/aph-vaccine-reg">www.austintexas.gov/aph-vaccine-reg</a> to be notified when the vaccine is available and you are eligible and make an appointment when appropriate.

#### **PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE**

#### **PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION**

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, March 8 7:00 pm Vestry meeting

**Tuesday, March 9** Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c. 394

**Wednesday, March 10** 7:00 pm Lenten Series Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformer, 1913

Thursday, March 11

Friday, March 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604

Saturday, March 13

Sunday, March 14 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word

12:15 pm Outdoor Eucharist

#### **THOSE WHO SERVE**

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore
Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim
Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer
Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips
Reader/Intercessor – Frances Rickard

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