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*Wednesdays during Lent: Study at 7pm  
March 16, 23, 30 & April 6*

*Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday 9:30am*

*Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday/Good Friday 7pm*

***Sunday, April 17: 9:30am***

***The Resurrection of Our Lord!***

***Easter is around the corner, and again we are taking orders for Easter Lilies to adorn the chancel area for Easter morning. The cost is \$15 each. Please put money in a separate envelope with your name and quantity on it and put in the offering plate. Orders need to be paid for by Palm Sunday, April 10. Again, you will***



## Go 819



1. Go ye there-fore and teach all na - tions, go,  
 2. If you love me, real - ly love me, feed

1. go, go. sheep. Go ye there-fore and teach all  
 2. my If you love me, real - ly

1. na - tions, go, go, my go. sheep. And  
 2. love me, feed my go. sheep.

1. Bap - tiz - ing them in the name of the Fa - ther and  
 2. lo, I'll be with you for ev - er and ev - er un -

1. Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Go,  
 2. til the ends of the world, go,

1. go, go.  
 2. go, go.

Leon Patillo  
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March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

*"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"*

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Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Prelude:

"I Need You More"

Welcome

(Please stand as able)

*Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:*

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace:*

*“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”*

**Gathering Song: “As the Deer Runs to the River” Red book #331**

*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. (repeat)**  
**Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ have mercy. (repeat)**  
**Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy. (repeat)**

*The Prayer of the Day*

**C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

*The first reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis*

*First Reading:* Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram’s trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God’s promise.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Distribution of Holy Communion*

**Communion Song: “Lamb Of God”**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
 Have mercy upon us Have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
 Have mercy upon us Have mercy upon us.  
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
 grant us your peace, Grant us your peace.**

*Blessing*

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

*Prayer after Communion*

P: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C: Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn:*

**“Go”**

**see page 8**

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Postlude:*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Offertory Prayer**

**C: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

*Words of Institution*

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (spoken):**

**C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

*(Please remain standing)*

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Song:*

"Were You There"

Bonnie Trella

*The second reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Philippians*

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17--4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as able)*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “Turn Back to the Lord”

**C:** Turn back to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness.

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Reading:* Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod’s plotting nor Jerusalem’s resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Sermon*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Sermon Hymn:** “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” red book# 735

**Apostle’s Creed**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet’s fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth’s resources. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**