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## The Third Sunday in Lent

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The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

**Welcome to Grace Parish!** We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

**Visitors, we would like to meet you!** Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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Prelude Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 148 Uffingham

“Creator of the earth and skies”

## **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Kyrie (S86) David Hurd

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 Jon Sharp

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95** *Venite, exultemus* *Anglican Chant*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,\*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \* though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \* "They shall not enter into my rest."

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11** Laurel McKenzie

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 686**

*Nettleton*

“Come thou fount of every blessing”

vv. 1, 2 before the gospel

vv. 3 after the gospel

**The Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with

them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People** - Form IV (BCP p. 388)

Lucie Pelleriti

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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### The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Blessing** (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Robert Lau

“Prayer”

Grace Parish Choir

**Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1**

*Old 124th*

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

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Sanctus & Benedictus S124

David Hurd

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem (S161)

David Hurd

Invitation to Communion

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*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten-free wafers are available.*

**Communion Hymn 328**

*Song 46*

“Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 690**

*Cwm Rhondda*

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Pavel Petrov

**Serving today:**

**Celebrant** ..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister** ..... Donte Apperwhite  
**Lectors** ..... Jon Sharp, Laurel McKenzie, Lucie Pelleriti  
**Acolyte** ..... Elizabeth Anders, Ethan Seielstad, Mitchell Patterson  
**Choirmaster** ..... David Aldrete  
**Organist** ..... Pavel Petrov  
**GEC Stream Team**..... Mizuki Williamson, Karen Williamson  
**Flower Guild** ..... Nancy Rice, Todd Rice  
**Altar Guild** ..... Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady,  
Cathy St. Onge  
**Hymn Board Manager** ..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Ushers** ..... Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur  
**Vestry Person of the Week** ..... Lucie Pelleriti

**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Sharon W., Anita Baker, Pauline & Ron Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, David, Dick Honaker, Derek Anderson, Marie Gillies, Erin Carter, Frank Ortega, Jessica Barcera, Freddie Montague, Judy Webster, Vicki Barclay, Marykay Edwards, Corina Wiemer, Gary Kindt, Jayam Rutnam, Elaine, Susan Sherman, Rene Rocha, Mikel Jones, Mandy Macaluso  
**For strength & guidance:** The Hernandez Family, Mireya Rivera & Family  
**For those who have died:** Margo Keller, John Davis  
**For those in mourning:** Grace Church Family, Davis Family, The Ekstrand Family  
**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ USMC

**March Birthdays**

9 – John Boyd                      18 – Morgan Patterson    22 - Rosann Kindt  
16 - Debbi England              19 – Matthew Boyd        25 – Susan Scranton  
18 – Mitchell Patterson    19 - Joe Goetz