A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE II
WITH AN AGAPE BLESSING
Sunday March 7, 2021
Third Sunday After Lent

PRELUDE:
Be Not Afraid

Griff Bludworth
Bob Dufford

OPENING HYMN 409: The Spacious Firmament On High

1 The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue eternal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim. The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display; and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

2 Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth repeats the story of her birth: whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn, confirm the tidings, as they roll and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3 What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice; for ever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

OPENING SENTENCES
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant continues
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Celebrant and 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.

Celebrant continues
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.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant  God 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. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 20:1-17  - read by Julia Leary

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.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

PSALM 19

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- read by Martha Seagram

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

2 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.

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.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - read by John Nolan

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 455: O Love Of god, How Strong And True

Dunedin

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, 
eternal and yet ever new; 
uncomprehended and unbought 
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide embracing, wondrous Love, 
we read thee in the sky above; 
we read thee in the earth below, 
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came 
to bear for us the cross of shame, 
sent by the Father from on high, 
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read they power to bless and save 
e’en in the darkness of the grave; 
still more in resurrection light 
we read the fullness of thy might.

THE 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

– The Rev. Joanna Leiserson

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Celebrant and people

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.
PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  
- read by Clark & Susan Crable

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

We give thanks for the blessings of this week, for those we offer now .... For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially .... and those we name at this time ...., let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we pray especially for ... and those we name now to remember at this time ..., let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St Barnabas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To You, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH FAMILY

For all celebrating birthdays this week...

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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries and unions...

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WISDOM IN TRANSITION

Celebrant and people

Almighty and ever-living God, giver of wisdom and truth:
Look favorably upon us, the people St. Barnabas Church, as we search for a new rector.
We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be guided by you and strengthened in our mission to be a community of encouragement where Christ’s love is experienced and shared.
We pray for members of the Search Committee, that they listen to your Spirit with humility, patience and joy.
We pray for all priests in discernment, that you call one to us who will minister with us together at St. Barnabas.
Give us your grace to follow where you lead us, and grant us your peace.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace

THE OFFERTORY:
I Will Follow Thee
St Barnabas Choir
James L. Elginburg

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS:
All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE AGAPE BLESSING AND MEAL

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 God thanks and praise.
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.

Before he died for us, Jesus shared a meal with his friends – an everyday meal of bread and wine, ordinary food and drink for the ordinary people of God. This food he blessed, and commanded them to partake, his Body and his Blood of the New Covenant.

(All hold up food and drink)
Although today we are unable to consecrate bread and wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ, we present to you, Lord, our everyday food of everyday people, and ask that you bless this food, taken from your creation, that this food may nourish us, to nourish others. Bless us also, that with your guidance, we may be bearers of hope and truth to all your people.

This we ask in the name of your Son; by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
And now as our Lord Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and 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, forever and ever. Amen.

These are the gifts that God has given us for life. Not consecrated but nevertheless blessed; not sanctified but nevertheless holy; not transformed but nevertheless transforming. With your meal, feed on Jesus in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST AGAPE PRAYER
Celebrant and people

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN 518: Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
   Christ the head and cornerstone,
   chosen of the Lord, and precious,
   binding all the Church in one;
   holy Zion's help for ever,
   and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,
   dearly loved of God on high,
   in exultant jubilation
   pours perpetual melody;
   God the One in Three adoring
   in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,
   come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
   with thy wonted loving-kindness
   hear thy servants as they pray,
   and thy fullest benediction
   shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
   what they ask of thee to gain;
   what they gain from thee, for ever
   with the blessèd to retain,
   and hereafter in thy glory
   evermore with thee to reign.

POSTLUDE: Michael Chertock, organ
Precious Lord

Thomas A. Dorsey

In – Person Services

begins March 14 at 8am

Everyone will be socially distanced and masked.
There will be no singing or music. Communion will be offered.