THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
YEAR B – 9:00 A.M.
MARCH 7, 2021

Prelude: *Nicaea* — Peter J. Hodgson

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* — Hymn 574
The Holy Eucharist: Rite I — BCP 323
Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: His mercy endures for ever. Amen.
The Collect for Purity *(read aloud in unison)* — BCP 323
The Collect of the Day — BCP 167
The Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17
(silence)
Psalm 19 *(said in unison)* — BCP 606
The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *Response: Thanks be to God.*
(silence)
Sequence Hymn: *Lamp of our feet* — Hymn 627 vs. 1,2,5
Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
The Gospel: John 2:13-22
After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*
The Sermon — The Rev. Ernestein C. Flemister
(silence)
The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90) — BCP 326
The Prayers of the People — BCP 328
The Confession of Sin — BCP 330
The Peace (Large Print page 98)
The Offertory
Offertory Hymn: *Where cross the crowded ways of life* — Hymn 609
Doxology (said in unison) updated words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise **God**, all creatures here below,
Praise **God** above ye heavenly host,
Praise triune God, whom we adore.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I — BCP 333

Sanctus *(said in unison)* — BCP 341
The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)* (Lg. Print page 110) — BCP 336

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat please notify an usher for assistance.)

Communion Hymns: *God be in my head* — Hymn 694
Post-communion Prayer — BCP 339
The Blessing
Closing Hymn: *Lord, who throughout these forty days* — Hymn 142
The Dismissal
Postlude: *Song without Words in C* — F. Mendelssohn

TODAY IS SUNDAY, March 7, 2021
The Third Sunday in Lent
9:00 Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, March 8
9:00 Needle & Thread
5-7 *Sacred Ground*

TUESDAY, March 9
11-1 St. Anne's Food Box

WEDNESDAY, March 10
4:00 Vestry Meeting
5:30 Chancel Choir
7:00 Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, March 11
3:00 Lenten Adult Formation (Zoom)

SATURDAY, March 13
Turn clocks ahead one hour tonight: Spring forward.

SUNDAY, March 14
Daylight Saving Time begins
9:00 Holy Eucharist
5-7 *Sacred Ground*

Note: Jr. Warden needed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

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.

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COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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 READING: Exodus 20:1-17

GOD SPOKE all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "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. 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."

Refrain

The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.

Psalm 19 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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.

SECOND READING: 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,