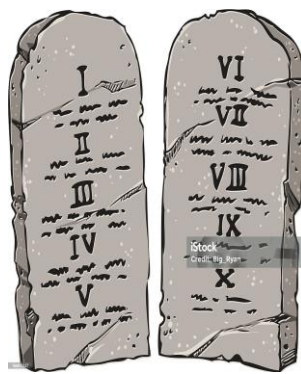


Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

WEEK OF MARCH 3 2024
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**I am
the Lord
your
God.**

Ex. 20

Hymn of Invocation

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

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+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism +

INTROIT PSALM 69

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,* and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me. **Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;* let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.** Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,* or the pit close its mouth | over me. **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;* according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.**

Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. |

Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.** The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

APPOINTED READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 3 MARCH 2024

Exodus 20:1–17

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

John 2:13–22 (23–25)

The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord

- The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “no other gods” before Him (Ex. 20:3).
- He is “jealous” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). he incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “a house of trade” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “the temple of his body” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21).
- By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes “wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH THE NICENE CREED

SERMON NOTES

+ Third Sunday in Lent + 3 March 2024

The One, True God Exodus 20:1-2

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

We are able to confess and respond to the one, true God because He not only speaks words of life and truth but also desires to be in relationship with His children and rescues us by powerful act of deliverance.

- 1. The one, true God speaks words of life and truth**
 1. Through His creation, conscience and Scripture
 2. You have the words of eternal life!

- 2. One, true God desires to be in relationship with His children**
 1. As a father pities His children
 2. I come to You, dear Father...at Your command and promises

- 3. The one, true God rescues us by powerful acts of deliverance**
 1. Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods
 2. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 3 MARCH 2024

O Lord, You are a jealous God. Save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment. Fill us with Your Son's zeal for Your house, that we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continually receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it may go well with us in our land. Bless all who govern us. Make them wise in Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us. Help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, Your steadfast love in Christ is good. Turn in Your abundant mercy toward all who suffer in our midst *[especially*

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O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, though we cannot even discern all our errors, declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults, and by Your Holy Spirit keep us back from presumptuous sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant that we may come before Your presence to eat Your Son's body and blood, not boasting of ourselves, but of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again. Grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**