



THE PARISH CHURCH

— AT HABERSHAM —

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:30 am

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:

The Solid Rock

My Hope in Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain.*

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.*

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

Kyrie

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 95:1-11

- ¹ O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- ³ For the Lord is a great God *
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down, *
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.
- 8 Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
- 9 When your fathers tested me, *
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
“It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,”
- 11 Of whom I swore in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

New Testament: Romans 1:16–32

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not

honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Open Our eyes

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 4:5-26, 39-42

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on

this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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 indeed the Savior of the world.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.

The Comfortable Words

The Peace (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*

Offertory: Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day or the night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, heaven's bright Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.*

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;

People: Grant us your peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in
your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so
much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but
you are the same Lord whose character is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the
flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his
blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
body, and our souls washed through his most precious
blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he
in us. Amen.*

The Invitation

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn:

Olivet

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou has died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day; Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul.

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

Coronation

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

- If you have any prayer requests or questions about the Christian faith, our Pastor, Jamie Sosnowski, is available at 843-817-5667 or at parishchurchathabersham@gmail.com.
- If you would like to financially support our ministry, you can go to TheParish.org and Click “Give” on the homepage.
- New to the Parish Church? Please let us know who you are by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

