

Welcome to St. Augustine's  
The Episcopal Center at URI

*A House of Prayer for all People in the Episcopal Tradition.*



*A Journey Through Lent*

**Lent 3**

St. Augustine's Church  
March 7, 2021

**Opening Hymn**    O love, how deep, how broad, how high 448

v. (1, 2, 3, 6)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

6 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

*Celebrant*            Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People*                **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant*            Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear,  
O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your  
God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and  
with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as  
yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

**Confession of Sin**

*Deacon*            Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People*                **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned  
against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied**

your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only in your will. Amen.

*Celebrant* Loving God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison  
*People* **Christe eleison**  
*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison

*Celebrant* May God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Holy one, creator of the stars and seas, our steadfast love is shown to every living thing: your word calls forth countless worlds and souls; your law revives and refreshes. Forgive our misuse of your gifts, that we may transformed by your wisdom to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

### **First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17**

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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare your glory, O God, \*  
and the firmament shows your 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 you have 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 Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; \*  
your judgments 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 one 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 God, my strength and my redeemer.

## **Second Lesson 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, 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.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

*People* **Glory to you O Christ.**

## **The Holy 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.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **Lenten Prayers of the People**

*We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud at each bidding.*

For the strength of God’s loving kindness and the joy of community, we raise our voices in thanks and praise, giving thanks especially for.....For this we pray.

**Grant us grace and courage to be people of action.**

We pray for the Church, that it may fulfill its role as an instrument of peace and justice. We ask that you guide your people into compassion, steadfastness, and hope. We pray especially for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for our retired bishops, George Hunt and GERALYN WOLF....

and for all who witness to your presence in the world. ....For this we pray

**Grant us grace and courage to live faithfully.**

We live in a world of abundance, where too many go hungry; in a world of possibilities where too many live in despair; and in a world where we often fail to challenge the violence that surrounds us. Help us to right the sin of racism, and to build a just society for all people. We remember especially.... For this we pray

**Grant us grace and courage to support one another.**

We pray for the afflicted and those whose burdens are heavy, especially....We pray that they may find comfort and healing... For this we pray

**Grant us grace and courage to comfort those in need**

We pray for all who have died that they may continue to rest in God's love. We pray for...and for those whose lives are taken daily in the violence of war.... For this we pray

**Grant us grace and courage to grieve and remember.**

We thank you for the beauty of creation. Give us a reverence for the Earth that we may preserve and use its resources wisely, passing them on from generation to generation..... For this we pray

**Grant us grace and courage to build a more loving and sustainable world.**

We also thank you, O God, for the people in our lives and we remember those with birthdays this week: Jacob Brown, Alia Dumonde, Lori Lampasona, Anna Johnson-Betty, Betsy Hall Marcelin, Mary Walsh and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.... For this we pray



**Grant that we may serve Christ in all people, loving one another as you love us.**

**(Together) Gracious and merciful God, your image within us bears witness to your abiding love. You call to us throughout history in the voices of prophets, poets and mystics. May our lives be sources of healing, hope and transformation in your cherished world. Amen**

**Collects                      The Vicar**

And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray,

**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. 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, the power, and the  
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn              There's a wideness in God's mercy (469)**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows

are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our life would be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

## **Blessing**

*“Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

## **Announcements**

**Special envelopes/offerings for fuel are very welcome.**

## **Dismissal**

*Dismissal response:* **Thanks be to God.**





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