10:00 a.m. The Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

The Word of God

Prelude
Chorale Prelude on "Jesu, meine Freude," BWV 610
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Candle Lighting
We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ that his presence and the wisdom of God is with us, and we are not alone. Amen.

Acclamation And Opening Sentence
Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession Of Sin And Absolution
Let us confess our sins to God.

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

_Amen._

**Trisagion**

The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

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._
First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
1 The heavens declare the / glory ' of / God, * 
   and the firmament / shows ' his / handiwork.
2 One day tells its tale / to ' an-/other, * 
   and one night imparts knowledge / to ' an-/other.
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 ' a-/gain; *
   nothing is hidden from its / burn'ing / heat.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect 
   and re-/vives ' the / soul; * 
   the testimony of the Lord is sure 
   and gives wisdom / to ' the / innocent.
8 The statutes of the Lord are just 
   and re-/joice ' the / heart; * 
   the commandment of the Lord is clear 
   and gives light / to ' the / eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean 
   and en-/dures ' for / ever; * 
   the judgments of the Lord are true 
   and righteous / al'to-/gether.
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 en-lightened, *
    and in keeping them there is great re-ward.
12 Who can tell how often he of-fends? *
    cleanse me from my se'cret faults.
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
    let them not get dominion ov'er me; *
    then shall I be whole and sound,
    and innocent of a great of-fense.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
    O Lord, my strength and re-deemer.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
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.
Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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 our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
his 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.

Prayers Of The People
O God, in your great compassion, look favorably upon the prayers of your people.
Hear our prayers for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Lead us in the way of love. In your goodness,
renew us.

Hear our prayers for the people of the world. May all leaders resist deceit, injustices and oppression and be lavish in their rightful judgement. We pray for our world, especially (N.) In your faithfulness,
strengthen us.

Hear our prayers for those who live in poverty and have no choice but to fast every day, for the homeless, refugees and victims of violence and oppression. You crossed the boundaries of heaven and earth to be among your people. In your righteousness,
restore us.

Hear our prayers for those who are hurting in mind, body or spirit. We pray for suffering from disease, illness, isolation and depression and for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) In your compassion,
heal us.

Hear our prayers for those who have died and have entered into your abiding peace, especially (N.) Comfort those who loved and now mourn them and wipe away their every tear. In your mercy,
transform us.
Hear our prayers for all of us gathered together today that we all might grow closer to you during this season of Lent. Create in us a clean heart, and bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives. In your graciousness, 

revive us.

Hear our prayers of gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. We give thanks for (N.) In your abiding love, 

awaken us.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
   hallowed be your Name,
   your kingdom come,
   your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
   as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
   and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
   and the glory are yours,
   now and forever. Amen.
1 Jesus, all my gladness, my repose in sadness,
2 Hence with earthly treasure: thou art all my pleasure,
3 Flee, dark clouds that lower, for my joy bestower,

Jesus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plaineth, ah, my spirit
Jesus, my desire! Hence, for pomp I care not, e’en as though they
Jesus, enters in! Joy from tribulation, hope from desolation,

straineth, long after thee! Thine I am, O holy Lamb;
were not rank and fortune’s hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;
lation, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

only where thou art is pleasure, thee alone I treasure,
nought that I may suffer ever shall from Jesus sever.
thou art with me in earth’s sadness, Jesus, all my gladness!
Greeting And Announcements

General Thanksgiving
Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our Savior Jesus Christ and together we have dwelled upon your Word. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer
Let us bow our heads before God.
Look with compassion, O Holy One, upon us your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal
Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Fantasia super "Jesu, meine Freude", BWV 713

Bach
Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary’s is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM
St. Mary’s warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m. Look for our Sunday morning e-blast to access the service!

Please join using the link found in Highlights or email The Rev. Marguerite Judson at marguerite@smvsf.org, or Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org for access.

We have a new songbook for the 9:00 zoom service. If you find it helpful, please print the booklet so that you can join us in song during our worship.

BISHOP VISITATION TO ST. MARY’S TODAY
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, will be making a virtual Bishop’s visitation to the congregation of St. Mary’s today, March 7, where he will preach and worship with us at the 10:00 a.m. virtual service and join us for our virtual coffee hour at 10:45 a.m. Despite the current restrictions on in-person worship, Bishop Marc has continued to maintain his calendar of scheduled visits to congregations throughout the Diocese.

Please join in giving Bishop Marc a warm welcome to St. Mary’s.

ST. MARY’S SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER THURSDAYS, 3-5PM. STARTING MARCH 11TH
St. Mary’s Sanctuary will be opening for private individual prayer on Thursdays from 3-5pm starting March 11th. We ask all individuals to wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance between other people. We suggest only one individual or household per pew. Pews will be spaced out six feet apart.

Rev. David Erickson will also be on site should you wish to set up a time and meet with him in either courtyard. Or feel free to drop on by!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (SUN., MARCH 14)
Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 14. Do not forget to set your clocks forward one hour to adjust for the change.
**OUTDOOR WORSHIP GATHERINGS IN SMALL GROUPS**

St. Mary’s is delighted to revive our small group Morning Prayer services at 10:15 on Sundays. In recognition of Improved public health indicators, groups of up to 20 people will gather for worship in St. Mary’s Outer Courtyard. Groups of up to 30 people will gather in the Presidio.

Registration for each service is essential and can be made on our in-person worship service registration website [HERE](#). Please register by 2:00pm on Friday for that Sunday’s service.

The service will be led by a layperson and, in keeping with prevailing health guidelines, there is no singing/chanting and no group recitations of any part of the service. This is not a Eucharist service. Participants have greatly appreciated the opportunity to pray and reflect on scripture together. We hope you will consider, if you are comfortable, joining one of these groups in worship.

Safety precautions will need to be maintained, which currently includes: social distancing, masks, no-touch/electronic bulletins (that will be posted on our website) and group leaders will keep attendance records of those who attend. For those meeting on campus, please note that the sanctuary, restrooms and offices remain closed.

**Cancellations:** In case of rain, or if the air quality in your location exceeds 100 Air Quality Index (AQI), services will be cancelled. We will inform registered participants via email one hour before the event to let them know the event must be cancelled.

Our virtual gatherings for the Family Service, Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour will also continue on Sundays!

**WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT**

The season of Lent prepares us for Easter and offers an opportunity to re-establish or discover new practices and habits that reveal God’s grace in us, both in this season and beyond. While there is a deeply personal element to Lent, it is a time best entered as a community.

Join us each Sunday morning during Lent for our worship services. Click [HERE](#) for details about our services.

The small tea light candles blessed on Candlemas and distributed to our congregation will be integrated into our Sunday worship during Lent. Please have your candle near your viewing device. If you have not received a candle and would like one, please contact The Rev. Marguerite at marguerite@smvsf.org and we will have one delivered to you!
LENTEN OFFERINGS 2021
This is the time of year when we are invited to deepen our walk of faith. For many of us, that means adding a practice which brings us closer to the Holy One. Here are some options to consider for this year.

Daily Lenten Reading - On Your Schedule!
We invite you to get a copy of “Ashes and the Phoenix” by Len Freeman. Its brief daily reflections by a variety of authors expand on the prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and daily Scripture readings for Lent. The beautifully illustrated book is designed with space for you to respond. And, as we did in Advent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), there will be brief videos of reflection each day posted to St. Mary’s YouTube channel created by different members of the congregation. HERE is the link to the videos. Fit the readings and the videos into your schedule. Get the hardcopy now for $5.00, or download for Kindle, Nook or on iTunes.

And - depending on the day - enjoy reflections by Nancy Clark; John Hayashi; The Rev. Marguerite Judson; Donna Davidson; Hal Cranston; David Sullivan and Molly Irwin.

God With Us in the Wilderness is the focus of our Lenten series on four Wednesdays of Lent. Our Zoom meetings from 7:00-8:00 pm will be led by members of St. Mary’s. Mark your calendars and join us HERE to learn and share together:

- Feb. 24th, Encountering God in the Wilderness, with Mike Stafford
- Mar. 3rd, Help in the Pandemic Wilderness with Alan Mata and David Crosson
- Mar. 10th, When We are the Wilderness with Sandy Stadfeld, Ashley Clark and John Hayashi
- Mar. 17th, Waking through the Wilderness of Grief and Loss with Georgia Lu and Kathleen Murray.

Lenten Quiet Day –
Sat. March 20th, 12:45 - 3:00pm
Pause for refreshment as we ponder God’s Grace in the Wilderness. Gather with others for an afternoon of peaceful reflection and time for practicing the presence of God. This gathering on Zoom is sponsored by The Daughters of the King and open to everyone. Join us HERE to savor the gifts of God during Lent by exploring Biblical stories, enjoying periods of silence for personal reflection, and sharing a simple closing prayer service. The meeting will be led by The Rev. Marguerite Judson.

GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19
If you are eligible (see below for criteria), sign up for an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please keep in mind that the supply of vaccine remains limited.

Eligibility
San Francisco is vaccinating:
- Frontline healthcare workers
- 65 years and older
• Educators, Child care workers, emergency services & agricultural workers.

**Supply remains limited**
Even if you are eligible, there may not be a dose available right now. Keep checking for available appointments.

**What to do**
The City is partnering with healthcare providers to establish high volume vaccine sites. Supply is limited, and you may not be able to book an appointment, even if you are eligible.

For more information regarding getting vaccinated please click [HERE](#).

**HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT:**
**ST. MARY’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021**
Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ’s hope for the world. Now, St. Mary’s needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God’s grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021 annual campaign. If you have any questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at [david@smvsf.org](mailto:david@smvsf.org). Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at [https://smvsf.org/donation](https://smvsf.org/donation).

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK (WEDNESDAYS, AND SUNDAYS)**
To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our [website](#)!

**YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**
All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend Zoom Youth Group from 5-6pm! [Follow this link](#) to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!
We Pray For…

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS
Donna K. Stadtfeld
Gail Berry
Larissa
Ann Knight
Susan Crown

CONTINUING PRAYERS
Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the Wed. 12:10 service.
André Diedrichs
June
Pat Okimoto
Dorris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Pete
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Forester Davis
Simon
Phyllis Shepherd

RECENTLY DECEASED
Edwin E. Hahn
Theresa Kozlosky
Peter Carneiro
Sid Garrison

GLOBAL CONCERNS
For the people of Armenia where growing political tensions endanger their lives and livelihood.

For the children attending Nigeria’s boarding schools who are susceptible to kidnapping for ransom.

THANKSGIVINGS
For medical personnel who are the antibodies to human indifference.

For the life of Vernon Jordan, civil right leader and standard-bearer for racial equality.
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