

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2014  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Prelude**

*As longs the deer for cooling streams*  
Sean Kenis, *soloist*

**Martyrdom**

## **The Word of God**

*At the tolling of the bell, all stand.*

**Entrance Hymn**

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

**Hymnal 686**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

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. 1 John 1:8,9

**The Confession** (*Please kneel as able*)

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Celebrant stands for the absolution; the people remain kneeling through the end of the collect.*

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

**Kyrie** (sung)

**Hymnal S 96**

***Lord, have mercy.***  
***Christ have mercy.***  
***Lord, have mercy.***

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 95 *Psalm is spoken*

- 1        Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
          let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2        Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
          and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3        For the LORD is a great God, \*  
          and a great King above all gods.
- 4        In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
          and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5        The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
          and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6        Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
          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. \*  
          Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8        Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
          at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9        They put me to the test, \* though they had seen my works.
- 10      Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
          "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11      So I swore in my wrath, \* "They shall not enter into my rest."

## The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Rock of ages, cleft for me*

Hymnal 685

## The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They 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 truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Leslie Chadwick, *Associate Rector*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

*He 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**

*Leader:* Sons and daughters of God, sisters and brothers in Christ, let us pray.

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* God of luminous glory, we lift our voices on behalf of the world you have made. Your creation is threatened by human greed and casual disregard. Give us knowledge and wisdom, compassion and courage. Help us revere and preserve this magnificent earth and all of your creatures. **Gracious Creator, help us restore your world.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Benevolent Governor, we pray for communities and nations devastated by poverty, tyranny, and war. We wound, enslave, and destroy one another. Have mercy on us. Draw us ever more deeply into your love, that we may establish peace and equity for all. **Healer of the world, save us from ourselves.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Divine Benefactor, your world is in upheaval, the economy is in turmoil; show us new solutions for our problems. Help us create new industries that are good for the earth, and good for your people. Lead us through these stressful and uncertain times to a better world, a better economy, and a better life for all people. **God of the Exodus, guide us into a future full of promise.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Steadfast Deliverer, we plead for your Church. We are divided, many of your people are persecuted; we have been silent and complacent, unresponsive to your Gospel. Grant us new faith and vision, integrity and passion. Unite us in your truth and inspire us with your love. **Merciful Redeemer, renew your Church.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Blessed Savior, we cry out to you for people who are injured, sick, and suffering; for the victims of natural disasters and human contempt. Increase our knowledge, wisdom, and concern for one another. Help the entire human family respond quickly and graciously when any of our neighbors are in crisis; help us provide comfort and relief to our sisters and brothers who are in anguish. **Lamb of God, heal your people; make us whole.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Sovereign of Heaven and earth, we give thanks for the people we love who have died, and pray for those who will pass this week into paradise. Deliver us from faithless fears and anxieties. Confirm our faith in your promises. **God of hope and salvation, help us bear the cross with dignity, and proclaim the Gospel with confidence.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* Bread of heaven, cup of Salvation, we pray for one another. We stumble and fall. We wander and fail. Help us become the people you want us to be – fill us with faith, hope, and love; generosity, peace, and joy. **Blessed Jesus, infuse us with your Spirit, and direct us in your service.**

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* God of providence, Host of Heaven, we do not deserve the blessings you bestow so generously and abundantly. Give us grateful hearts, we pray, and make us faithful stewards of all your gifts, that your love may be known throughout the world, and your praises sung by all creation, now and for ever. **Gracious and compassionate Savior, we praise you, we thank you, and we offer ourselves to you - all we are and all we have. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                ***And also with you.***

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Offering**

*Celebrant:* But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

*When I survey the wondrous cross*  
St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs (9:30 only)  
Ralph Quarles, *Woodwind*; Jane Perry, *Piano* (11:00 only)

*O Waly Waly*

Presentation Hymn

*This is my Father's world*      *Sung to the tune of Creation*

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres;  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is our Father's world, oh let us not forget  
That though the wrong is great and strong, God is our Father yet.  
He trusts us with his world; to keep it clean and fair,  
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**      ***And also with you.***

*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 God thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

**Hymnal S 130**

*Celebrant and People*

***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 people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*Celebrant* On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN!***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

***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. And 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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***



**Fraction Anthem**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

**Hymnal S 164**

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Administration of Communion**

**Communion Hymns**

*Shepherd of souls  
In your mercy, Lord, you called me  
O Food to pilgrims given*

**Hymnal 343**

**Hymnal 706**

**Hymnal 309**

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Almighty and everliving God,***

***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 forever. Amen***

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Guide me O thou great Jehovah*

**Hymnal 690**

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude**