Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



"God's Temple" by Mike Moyers

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Jesu, Meine Zuversicht Johann Gottfried Walther

Trish Rooney, Organist

Processional Hymn Before to

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymn #574

(standing)

The Salutation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

(stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

Confession

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

(you may kneel or be seated)

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.

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 (8:00am spoken)

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

Kyrie (10:30am sung)

(S numbers are located at the front of The Hymnal 1982)

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The Collect for 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*.

The Lessons

Old Testament A Reading from Exodus

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.

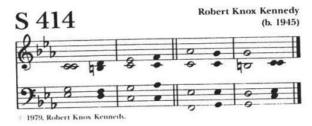
You shall not steal.

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.

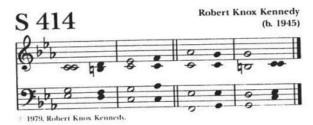
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God, * and the firmament shows his / handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to a-/nother, * and one night imparts knowledge to a-/nother.
- 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 burning / heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the / soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure, and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the / heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear, and gives light to the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-/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 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 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 my re-/deemer.

Epistle

A Reading from First Corinthians

I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

John 2:13-22

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 the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those in positions of public trust especially Joseph our president and JB our governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation, for those who are present, for those who are absent, for those celebrating birthdays, especially Amber Neal (03/04), Scott Neal (03/04), and Maria Mendia (03/05); that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Byron, Amber, Patrick, Larry, Roger, Julie, Emily, Lisa, Peter, Crystal, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For those serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Alexei Navalny and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Richard Lloyd

(The text can be found in The Hymnal 1982 #337)

Offertory Response (spoken at 8:00 a.m.)

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. *People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Response

Hymn #43

vs. 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer A

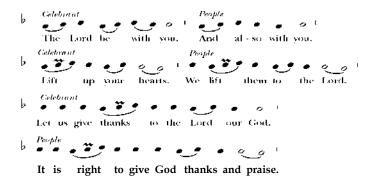
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 (8:00am spoken)

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.

Sanctus (10:30am sung)

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(kneeling or seated)

Celebrant: **H**oly 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.

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:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei (8:00am spoken)

Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Agnus Dei (10:30am sung) (S numbers are located at the front of The Hymnal 1982)

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Communion Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymn #313

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymn #473

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Edwin T. Childs

Adult forum each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft, followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.



March 24th Liturgy of the Palms

8am and 10:30am

March 28th Maundy Thursday 7pm March 29th Good Friday 9am Emmanuel Parking Lot March 30th Holy Saturday 7pm March 31st Sunday of the Resurrection 8am and 10:30

Note about the cover

An abstract oil painting based on the story of Jesus cleansing the temple from the Gospel of John. It is an abstract expression depicting a righteous storm against injustice and the chaos that is stirred when grace confronts sin. The painting also explores the cleansing of the heart. The human body is often referred to as "God's Temple." This painting expresses the internal struggle that occurs when God's grace "turns the tables" on the sin in our hearts. By Mike Moyers.

<u>Announcements</u>

Wednesdays during Lent
11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist
Lunch and a discussion in the Undercroft with Lenten program "Share the Dream"
Books available via the office

<u>Nametags:</u> If you would like a nametag made, please contact the church office via email at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org or via phone at 815-964-5514.

<u>Book Club:</u> The Book Club is changing! Join us Tuesday, March 12, at 1pm in the Janet James Room March's choice is "Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. Listen to Ezra Klein's interview with Kingsolver about the book.

Grief Group: meets next on March 4th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

<u>Save the Date:</u> Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Emmanuel Celebrates its 175th Anniversary with Confirmation at 6pm. The Rt. Rev Paula Clark, Presiding. Reception to follow in the Undercroft.

Rockford Area Pride: Emmanuel is marching in Rockford's Annual Pride Parade on Saturday June 1. If you are interested in participating contact Todd Burton at todd.r.burton@gmail.com. Show your Pride by ordering a Pride T-shirt at:

https://www.rockfordareapride.org/product-page/unisex-eco-friendly-cotton-t-shirt

<u>Dining Out Group:</u> Due to Easter, the Dining Out Group will meet one week later on Thursday, April 4th at 11:30. We will be enjoying the cuisine at the Pomodoro Restaurant located on East Riverside. If you would like to join us, please let Mary Nielsen know so reservations can be made. Thanks and hope you can join us. 815-654-8995.

Early voting at Emmanuel

Monday thru Friday, March 4th thru March 8th 9am-5pm Saturday, March 9th 9am-12pm Sunday, March 10th 10am-4pm Monday thru Friday, March 11th thru March 15th 9am-7pm Saturday, March 16th 9am-3pm Sunday, March 17th 9am-4pm Monday, March 18th 9am-7pm

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Clare Kagan

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman
1st Reading: Millie Zimmerman
2nd Reading: Tyler Hillman
Prayers of the People: Susan Chambers
Altar Guild: Peggy Fry

Ushers: Lou & Karen Matjasko

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