

St. Clement's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer (1928 Prayer Book)

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2011

Piano Prelude *Romance (Opus 11, No. 1): Andante* Clara Wieck-Schumann
Processional Hymn 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams *Martyrdom*

Opening Sentence

A General Confession

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father;
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

The Declaration of Absolution

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The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

Versicles

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People The Lord's name be praised.

Deus misereatur 608

- 1 God be merciful unto | us, and · bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, and be | merci · ful unto us;
- 2 That thy way may be | known up · on earth, *
thy saving health a | mong all **nations**.
- 3 Let the peoples | praise thee, · O God; *
yea, let all the | peoples **praise** thee.
- 4 O let the nations re | joice and · be glad; *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the | nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples | praise thee, · O God; *
yea, let all the | peoples **praise** thee.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her · increase; *
and God, even our own God, shall | give us · his **blessing**.
- 7 God shall | **ble**ss us; *
and all the ends of the | world shall **fear** him.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
world without | **end**. Amen.

The First Lesson: 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

- 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 corners of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is his also.
 - 5 The sea is his, and 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 the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
 - 8 Today if ye 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 tempted me,
proved me, and saw my works.
 - 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:
 - 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,
that they should not enter into my rest.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, 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.

Benedictus es, Domine 625

- 1 Blessed art thou, O Lord | God of our fathers;
praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 2 Blessed art thou for the | Name of · thy Majesty:
praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 3 Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness:
praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 4 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim:
praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 5 Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of · thy kingdom:
praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 6 Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven:
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
and | to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
world without | **end. Amen.**

The Third Lesson: John 4:5-42

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Benedictus (640, verses 1-8)

- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of | Israel;
for he hath visited and re | deemed · his **people**;
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty sal | vation for us,
in the house of his | servant **David**;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets,
which have | been · since the | world began;
- 4 That we should be saved | from our enemies,
and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**,
and to remember his | holy covenant;
- 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham,
that | he would **give** us;
- 7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of · our enemies
might | serve him without fear;
- 8 In holiness and righteous | ness before him,
all the | days of **our** life.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,
world without | **end. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary:
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost:
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints:
the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body:
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Versicles

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Day

Officiant

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Prayers

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life;
and above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Grace

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Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and
guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world.
Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them
when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;
and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding
abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church;
look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other,
and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

Sermon Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

The Sermon

The Rev. Bruce D. O'Neill

Offertory Anthem

Wilt Thou Forgive

Wendell Brooks, Victor Gold,
Kristor Lawson

music by Denis Mason
poem by John Donne

Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,
which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Sware by thyself, that at my death thy Son
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done,
I fear no more.

Presentation Hymn

With gratitude and humble praise

Kingsfold

Prayer and Benediction

Recessional Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Piano Postlude

Romance (Opus 11, No. 2)
Andante/Allegro passionato

Clara Wieck-Schumann