

Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! We hope that your spiritual life is deepened today.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Nursery care and Sunday School up to age 12 is available in the parish hall. Children will rejoin their parents after the Peace.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feeding you, body, mind and soul

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: MARCH 23, 2014, 8AM



Samaritana by Julio Romero de Torres, Córdoba, Spain, 1920. Source: Wikimedia Commons

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

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

Kyrie eleison

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

Prayer of the Day

Response: **And also with you.**

Exodus 17:1-7

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

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!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested
that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Romans 5:1-11

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

John 4:5-42

First response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Second response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jason Wells

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.

Prayers of the People

Response: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory

Altar flowers are given for the praise and glory of God's Name and in memory of Laurence J. Dugan by Sean Dugan.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy

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.

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar. If you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion.

If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Rev. Jason Wells as soon as possible for scheduling.

Prayer

Let us pray.
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

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

LENT: SPRING TRAINING

Choir Rehearsals Three rehearsals during Lent: 11:15am on March 23, March 30 and April 6. The choir will offer anthems on Good Friday (April 18, 6pm) and Easter Sunday (April 20, 10am).

Road to Repeal, on Tuesday, March 25, 4:30-6:30pm, a "walking vigil" from the State House Plaza to Blossom Hill Cemetery. Concord's diverse religious groups will offer reflections at stops along the way.

Fairly Social invites you next Sunday, March 30 at 11am to the parish hall to make baskets with Ken Hazen! Sign up in the hall-way so that we bring enough supplies.

Easter Lilies Fill out the envelope in your pew with a name and memorial to beautify our Easter celebrations! Deadline is April 6. Suggested donation: \$20.

Interfaith Seder on Sunday, April 6 at 5pm, hosted at Wesley United Methodist Church (79 Clinton). Sign up on the bulletin board. Suggested donation: \$10 to support Kids 4 Peace.

Concord Female Charitable Society Annual meeting and turkey supper held at Alan's Restaurant on Tuesday, April 8 at 6pm followed by a musical program presented by Susan Campbell Goulet and Deborah Monson. Reservations (members only) for this event should be made with Janet Cumming by March 30. The ticket price is \$16. No tickets sold at the door.

Save the Date for May 17: Grace Church's next Yard Sale!

PRAYER NEEDS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
All Saints Church, Wolfeboro

Requests

Jen, Gary, Tom, Noah, Ed and Barb, Harold Beliveau

TAKE-A-TOTE NEEDS

This week's item is **pasta**. These come in small cans or microwaveable containers and include spaghetti and meatballs, beefaroni, beef ravioli, rice and chicken, and lasagna.

POVERTY IN CONCORD

Wednesdays, 5:30pm
March 12-April 9

Mar. 26: Community Service

Kelly Laflamme

Endowment for Health

Su McKinnon

Catholic Charities

Maggie Fogarty

Am. Friends Service Cmte

Jackie Whatmough, City Services

April 2: Families and Homelessness

Chris Emond

Concord Boys and Girls Club

Ellen Fries and Brenda Perkins,

Coalition to End Homelessness

April 9: Poverty and Spirituality

Rev. Jason Wells, Grace Church

WORSHIP TRAINING

Holy Week Preparation

Sunday, April 6, 11am

Everyone scheduled for Palm Sunday through Easter Vigil will talk through these special services.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

April 13, 8am and 10am

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 6pm

Good Friday

April 18, 6pm

Easter Vigil

April 19, 7pm

