

St. David's Episcopal Church
"Third Sunday in Lent, 2017"

(Family Sunday)

March 19th, 2017



The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, *Rector/Dean*
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"Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the Captive
and the Oppressed"

*("You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the
service. Thank you!")*

Holy Eucharist

Introit Hymn: (1982)

-No. 692

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The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

Collect for: "The Third Sunday in Lent":

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 Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** (*moment of silence*)

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7)—(*Aleah Callender*)

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.²The 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?’³But 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?’⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’⁵The 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.⁶I 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.⁷He called the place Massah⁺ and Meribah,⁺ because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

Psalm 95

- 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."

*(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-11)—

(Allayne Grant)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^{*} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access^{*} to this grace in which we stand; and we^{*} boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we^{*} also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.^{*} ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (moment of silence)

Gradual Hymn: “*As Jesus Journeyed with His Friends*”

As Jesus journeyed with his friends,
He broke great walls and barriers down.
He showed how far God's love extends
At Jacob's Well, outside of town.

A woman drew some water there,
And Jesus asked her for a drink.
They talked of life and truth and prayer —
His kind, warm welcome made her think.

Though culture pushed them far apart,
He looked past things that others saw.
He saw the searching in her heart;
His love shined greater than the law.

O God, when some are cast aside —
When people here are scorned, oppressed,
We see Christ reaching, arms stretched wide,
To welcome, treasure, heal and bless.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (4: 5-42)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.)* ¹⁰Jesus 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.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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.' ¹⁵The 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.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you^a say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the

Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ ²⁵The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ ²⁶Jesus said to her, ‘I am he,^{*} the one who is speaking to you.’ ²⁷Just 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?’ ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah,^{*} can he?’ ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ ³²But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ ³³So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ ³⁴Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving^{*} wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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 Saviour of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *Father Nisbett*
(*moment of silence*)

The Nicene Creed (BCP)
Prayers of the People (Form V)

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Exchange of the Peace

At The Offertory

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn "*The Water God Gives Us*"

The water God gives us in wondrous supply
Is water that's living and never runs dry.
For everyone drinks and is thirsty again,
But God's living water gives life without end.

O God, we confess that we seek empty things;
We strive after wealth and the comfort it brings.
We buy things in hopes that our spirits will soar
Yet still we are thirsty and left wanting more.

Then just like that woman who went to the well,
We hear you, O Christ, and the truth that you tell.
You know who we are and you know what we've been;
You know us and love us in spite of our sin.

The gift that you give is the greatest of wealth;
You give living water! You give us yourself!
May we, like that woman, go back where we live
And tell those we know of the life that you give.

Hymn after the Offertory

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One:
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

Presentation of Elements

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "B")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (1) "I hunger and I thirst"

- 1 I hunger and I thirst;
Jesus, my manna be;
Ye living waters, burst
Out of the rock for me.
- 2 Thou bruised and broken Bread,
My lifelong wants supply;
As living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die.
- 3 Thou true life-giving Vine,
Let me Thy sweetness prove;
Renew my life with Thine,
Refresh my soul with love.
- 4 For still the desert lies
My thirsting soul before;
O living waters, rise
Within me evermore.

Communion Hymn #2
Communion Hymn #3

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No. 328

Post Communion Prayer:

“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.”

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: (1982)

No. 690

Musical Postlude (*please remain seated, quietly, thanks!))*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s Usher’s:

8:00 AM – *Patrick Perry; Marlene Thompson*

10:30 AM – *Tristan Moses; Anthony Cole; Lauren Campbell*

(*Current Ushers schedule now posted*)

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do *visit us again*.

During the Lenten Season, we will have “*Stations of the Cross*” every Friday evening beginning @ 7:30 pm. You will hear from your Care Group Leader with information on when your group will be meditating, and the procedures.

Casting Call, for Father Nisbett's play "Who's on Trial" If you are interested in taking part in the *passion play*, please contact *Lorna Moodie-Jones* or leave your name and telephone number in the church office. Thanks!

Health Guild reinstated. If you are interested in joining (member need not be health professional), you may speak to *Sylvia Vernon RN*.

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Note: There are NO flowers in the Sanctuary during the Lenten Season. Please contribute \$25.00 towards Easter Lilies. Thanks!

"Bravo! and God Bless" all of our youthful members and their instructors. If you did not attend the Black History program presented last Saturday, March 11th, you missed a fantastic performance, and black history education. "Our youth members put on a show that could be on Broadway." It was *very, very* entertaining and historically educational. Hopefully, it will be presented again and, if so, try not to miss it.

ECW will meet today after the 10:30 service. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Sanctuary Candle is given "in loving memory of *Gladys Evering*, who departed this life nine years ago (March 15, 2008)" from her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren & daughter-in-law, Lily Evering.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Bible Study: Next meeting, Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Wednesday Night Lenten Service: March 22, 2017@ (7:30 PM)

(A)Saint David's, 117-35 235th Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Rev. Donovan Leys (Preacher) (and)

(B)Saint James-the-Less, 107-61 166th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433

Rev. Steve Foster (Preacher)

Telephonic Prayer Group: During Lent, every evening, except

Sunday, @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are

welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays @ 7:30 PM. (during Lent)

Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent): next Sunday, March 26, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The ECW will host Women's Day on Sunday, May 7th at both services. Contributions for fellowship hour are welcomed. Please see *Rosalyn Brown, Annette Marion* or *Pat McNab* for the menu.

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)-@ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) See *Barbara Morrison* for additional information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062 (asking for members & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks!

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY:

Inez Atkinson; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armien; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis- Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordon; Michelle Joseph; *Germaine King*; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longsworth; Joyce Lundy; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor-Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart; Sonia Thompson; Beatrice Tomlinson; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts;

Emma Weekes; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro. (Italics indicate members of St. David's)

Meditation: "No Excuses"

There are many reasons a person might give for not talking about faith: fear of offending, not having all the right answers, not having the qualifications necessary to be a good preacher and teacher. We have probably each experienced those fears, and decided it best to keep our faith to ourselves. When we hear the story of the woman at the well, we realize we are out of excuses. There was nothing about her that could be considered "qualifying" for the work of evangelism. She was from a different faith tradition. She lived a questionable moral life. She lived on the fringes of her own community. She even seems unsure herself about Jesus, as she wonders out loud, "He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" (*John 4:29*). Aside from her chance mid-day meeting with Jesus, no one could have said that she possessed the ability to help others believe. But she was thirsty. Thirsty for Jesus and the gift he offered her. Her third quenched by living water, she found herself a great preacher of Jesus. We hear that "Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony" (*John 4:39*), even though they knew all the strikes against her witness. How has Jesus quenched your thirst? Who can you tell? With this Samaritan woman as our example, we have no excuses for keeping quiet. There is no perfect person for the job—there is only your experience of what Christ has done in your life, together with the power of the Holy Spirit working on the hearer. The water of life, God's gift to thirsting souls, bubbles and gushes within and around us. With all of God's abundant gifts testifying alongside you, there is no reason you cannot tell others about what God has done. So, what are you waiting for? (*Copyright 2009 Augsburg Fortress*)

THIRD
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Sermon Notes

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“EMPOWERING THE CHURCH FOR SERVICE”



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