



BOURDON, Sébastien, *Moses and the Brazen Serpent*,
1653-54, Museo del Prado, Madrid

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2023 — 9:00 am

Christ Church

(Episcopal / Anglican)

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II
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Organ Prelude “*Pavane*”

W. Byrd

“*Have Mercy O Lord*”

J. Krebs

Processional Hymn 479 “*Glory Be To Jesus*”

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People ***Christ, have mercy.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading (Lesson) from Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said,

“We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
2. ***Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.***
3. He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
17. ***Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.***
18. They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
19. ***Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.***
20. He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
21. ***Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.***
22. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

A Reading (Lesson) from Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those

who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Hymn LEVAS 35 “O How He Loves You And Me”

Then, all standing, the Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be

exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*

Prayers of the People for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Deacon: As we come to the water of Christ, let us earnestly pray to God who gives drink to all who thirst.

Leader: For God’s people throughout the world, and for those who gather in the name of Christ. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Don our Priest, and Leslie our Deacon..

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, especially Joseph the President of the United States, and Phillip the Governor of NJ, the leaders of Russia and Ukraine, the leaders in the middle east, and for all peoples, tribes, clans, and families. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those in danger and need. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who hunger and thirst, especially the poor and the homeless. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are sick and troubled, remembering especially *Ruth, Sharon, Donna, Cheryl, Carol, Jeanette, Susan, Lynn, Jane, Cynthia, Katie, Kelly, Eileen, Doris, Sean, Arlene, Barry, Joan, Mel, Carol, Pat, Paul, David, Stephanie, Natalie, Shannon, Sylvia, Don, Ted*, and all others who have asked for our prayers.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the dying and the dead especially, *William Gregg* and those who care and grieve for them. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our community of Riverton, for all communities represented here this morning, and for all who live and work in them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, our families, our friends, our companions on the way, and those we love. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Lord, our God.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of Israel, who made us an everlasting covenant. Receive the prayers we offer this day for ourselves in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

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.***

The Peace (*All stand.*)

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

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

Offertory Duet “*Were You There?*” G. Young

The Doxology 380 vs. 3 “*Praise God*”

All: ***Praise God of whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above the heavenly hosts***

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.***

It is a right, good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away in denial, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You made us your covenant people, and your ways are just and true.

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 S-114 *“Holy, holy, holy”*

All: ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most Holy and Gracious God, as we journey with Jesus toward the Lenten cross, we pray not only for ourselves, but for others, known and unknown, named and unnamed, from whose lives health or happiness has fled. Bring them your comfort and peace that surpasses understanding.

Bless our world, O Lord, and by your Spirit let your harmony and justice prevail. Bless our church, uniting us in the truth of

your Word and empowering us in ministry to the world. Bless our family and friends, watching over and providing peace to them. Bless all who are suffering by embracing them in your loving arms. Bless each person here this morning, keeping us all faithful to you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,
*Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate Christ's dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

Together we pray the prayer taught us:: (*spoken*)

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 Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation

Communion Music “*Hymns For Meditation*”

After Communion, the Celebrant says 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. Amen.

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Recessional 145 “*Now Quit Your Care*”

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude “*Largo G.*”

Handel

Participating in the 9am. Service

Lector: Fred Hill *Acolyte:* Sally Barnes, Fred Hill

Ushers: Larry Bradshaw, Brad Smith

Altar Guild: Terri Bradshaw, Robin Vetter

Counters: Joan Atkinson, Marge Conti

Videographer: Joe Yansick

THE CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT is lit
in loving memory of *William Gregg*, by Jamie Reed

**We will be building a choir for Palm Sunday and Easter.
Would you like to join us. See Peter H. for details today.**

*Father Don is looking for volunteers to read at the
Great Vigil of Easter Saturday March 30 @7pm.
Please see Father after service for more information.*

MINISTRY TO RIVERVIEW ESTATES - On the first and third Sunday of each month, at 3:00 pm Christ Church leads a Communion service for the residents. Members of the parish are welcome to help the participants. Christ Church will lead the service at Riverview this week too.

THE NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS


(and actually our final one for this school year) will take place **TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 10**, from 4-6 in the Parish Hall. Our theme will be Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This is designed for folks of all ages - so grandparents, grab your grands or come yourself to share your wisdom with our youth. Dinner is provided.

MONDAY MEDITATION GROUP - In person Meditation will be held tomorrow, 3/11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Parlor. All are welcome to join us for 20 minutes of silence followed by a video and discussion.

MID-WEEK SERVICE A celebration of the Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 10:00. It includes special mention of the persons on the parish prayer list and asks for God's healing for the world. The Service lasts about 45 minutes, with a conversation on the Person and scriptures of the day.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS - Join us in the Rectory at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, for a light soup supper followed by a study of the readings taken from the Easter Vigil. This study is based upon the book *Words Around the Fire* by Gail Ramshaw, and will look at Exodus chapters 14 and 15 this week.

MEN'S GROUP. We will meet for about an hour every first and third Saturday of each month @ 9:00 am (so you can still have your day), and we will talk about the things that are important for a man's spiritual life. It's an opportunity to deepen relationships with other men of the parish, too.



Fr. Don will be in-parish four days a week,
Sunday, Monday Wednesday, and Thursday.
You can reach him at the parish office or you can email him at
donaldcaron1@gmail.com

**For emergencies,
Fr. Don can be reached at almost all times by phone at
478-234-3697.**



Holy Week at Christ Church

March 24 Palm Sunday Service

begins outdoors (weather permitting)

Parishioners can bring palm branches from earlier years to be included in the Easter Fire

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7:00

-Washing of the feet, Stripping of the altar

-Parishioners are encouraged to bring flowers to be placed on the Altar of Repose in the Chapel

March 29 Good Friday

Church open for meditation all day

7:00pm Veneration of the Cross &

Mass of the Pre-sanctified

March 30 Holy Saturday

7:00 Great Vigil of Easter

begins outdoors (weather permitting)

March 31 Easter Service 9:00

Renewal of Baptismal vows

My Offering for Easter Memorial Flowers

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Please send your Easter memorials (*made out to the Alter Guild*), to the Parish Office **no later than Monday, March 19th**. Print the names clearly and exactly as you wish them to appear. Memorials received too late for printing in the Easter leaflets will appear in the next regular Bulletin.

Christ Church Lenten Project

“When you did it to the least of these you did it unto me.”

Non – Perishable Donations Needed:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

Canned green vegetables

Canned fruits

Canned and boxed meals

(soup, macaroni and cheese, etc.)

Peanut butter and other nut butters

Canned or dried beans and peas

(black, pinto, lentils, etc.)

Pasta, rice, oatmeal and cereal

100% fruit juice (canned, plastic, or boxed)

Cooking oil

Shelf-stable milk

Other healthy, low-fat, low-sodium, low-sugar products

Bring items to church on Sundays during Lent and place in baskets in tower entrance. Items will be donated to the local pantry at Epworth Methodist Church

FISHES AND LOAVES MINISTRY

March 19th, Noon to 2pm

Join us for a free Lunch and Fellowship,
all are invited and welcome, Bring a friend,

Chair lift is available, No charge,

but donations are welcome



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