St Mary's
Episcopal Cathedral

HOUSE of PRAYER for All People

5 PM Holy Eucharist Rite I
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2021
Welcome to St. Mary’s Cathedral, a house of prayer for all people. God loves everyone without exception or reservation. We encourage you to open yourself to be blessed by beauty, on-line community, and Holy Scripture. We are so glad you are celebrating the Lenten season with us in person and in new online ways during this global pandemic, and we invite you to stay connected to the St. Mary’s community! Invite/text a neighbor or new friend to check out worship opportunities; available on our website at http://www.stmarysmemphis.org/worship/ and also on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmemphis/.

Additionally, we will be open by appointment for prayer on weekdays. You can make a reservation by calling Emily Pratt in the church office: 901-937-4788, or emailing epratt@stmarysmemphis.org.

PROCEDURES TO MITIGATE COVID-19
To help us maintain the integrity of our shared space during this period of restricted access:
• Face masks are required to be worn at all times while inside.
• Use the sanitizing gel stations placed at entrances.
• Please maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others not in your immediate household.
• Please wait to be seated.

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All things come from Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST: Please use this prayer list as your resource & guide as you pray throughout the week for those in our beloved Cathedral family requesting prayer.

We pray for family members & friends of the Cathedral: Karen Andre; Jim & Charlotte Blanton; Susan & Ed Chazal (parents of Aimee McMillin); Cheryl Gentry; Kristina Holland; Lanney Mack; June Mitchell; Charlotte Myrdal (sister-in-law of Jan Morrell); Rosemarie Myrdal (mother to Jan Morrell); David Ostrow & family; Joan Owens; Geraldine Page; Erica Perkins; Clarke Simpson; Lee Stewart; Andrew and Lucero Street; Edie Street; JT Swartzel; David Thomas; Greg Traver; Thomas Wernham; Kenneth Ford, Carolyn Ford, and Mack Wiggins; and those who care for them.

We pray for Cathedral members: Beth Stone; Joanne Statham; Peggy Templeton; and those who care for them.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Victor Galloway, U.S. Navy & Melanie Galloway; Ian Harvey (brother of Natalie); Sgt. Sean Harber, U.S. Army (grandson of Jerry & Carol); Lt. Nicholas Wilde, U.S. Army (grandson of Jim and Julie Powell)
THE PENITENTIAL ORDER AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
The service is found in its entirety in this service leaflet

THE WELCOME
The Very Reverend Jean Vargo

VOLUNTARY
Sinfonia (Arioso) J. S. Bach

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION

THE LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE DECALOGUE, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION
The Book of Common Prayer, page 317
The people kneeling as they are able

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.
Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.
Celebrant
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:8,9

Deacon
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Please be seated for the readings.
THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS, THE 21ST CHAPTER, BEGINNING AT VERSE 4

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. *Numbers 21:4-9*

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

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 Read in unison 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 FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS, THE 2ND CHAPTER, BEGINNING AT VERSE 1

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.

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

**Lector**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand all who are able.*

**THE GOSPEL**

**Deacon**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**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.”

*John 3:14-21*

**Deacon**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

**SERMON**

The Very Reverend Jean Vargo

*Please stand for the Nicene Creed*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

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**

When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy, and our need is deep.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Chile; in our Diocese we pray for St. Anne’s, Millington; and for the West Tennessee Haiti Partnership.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, for those who grieve; especially Maren Manfra, Mickey and June Mitchell, Brenna Shafer, Laura Kathryn Redden, Patrick Vargo Albertson, Ramon Fracchi, the Eldridge family, Ron and Dean Thomas, Sandy Franks, Andrew Leslie Smith Jr., Robert Moody, Martha Farrimond, John Cutrell, the Sawyer family, Julie Powell, Judy McMillan, the Meyer family, Irma Lee Macklin, Liz McQuire, Ty Legge, Bena Cates, Kerry Davis, Mitch and Becca Mize and families, David Adams, Jessica Oliver, Tom Moore and family, the Newberry family, Mimi Baker, Ronnie Rodgers, Dave Della Rocco and family, Sally Wolcott and family, all those on the Cathedral Prayer List, and those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Push us into the world to be compassionate advocates for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy, especially Dianne Fletcher, Iolis Carruthers, the Rev. Jerry Crook, Iolis Carruthers, Ann Thomas, the 525,000 Americans who have died with Covid, and those we now name. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the blessings we now name, and for those celebrating a birthday in the coming week: Mark Henderson, Cynthia Moseley, Mallory Ann Harris, Christopher Carruthers, Janel Kragt Bakker, W.J. Michael Cody, and Julie Ross. And we pray with great expectations along with Jon Williams and Patty Spielman.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.
Celebrant
Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:
Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly
City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Please share the peace of God as you go about your daily life.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your continued support to the Cathedral’s work of sharing God’s love and peace with
Memphis. The success of our community is built on your offerings of time, talent, and treasure!


Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give
thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word
made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in
the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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 the One that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us
in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our
nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and
perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to
continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

THE 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are invited to receive the body of Christ. We ask that you remain in your seat and masked. When the communion is brought to you, please kneel or stand to receive the wafer in your hand. After the communion server leaves your Covid unit, you may momentarily remove your mask to consume the body of Christ, then replace your mask. If you would like a blessing please cross your arms to indicate your desire.
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant  

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant  

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY  

Toccata on “Praise to God: Dakota Indian Chant”  

Dennis Janzer

THE LENTEN ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
BY DREW AND LINDA WOODRUFF,
IN MEMORY OF
KEITH ALICE SHAFER, LINDA WOODRUFF, AND SUE ARCHIBALD.

SERVING THE WEEK OF MARCH 14

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS:
OUTGOING: TEAM 4 – Marcia Wunderlich, Maureen Woodruff, Marilyn Dunavant

INCOMING: TEAM 3 – Jan Morrell, Julie Ross, Marianne Carter

SERVING TODAY, MARCH 13, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MUSICIANS  

Claire Valine (4:51 Chapel), Dennis Janzer

CLERGY  

The Very Reverend Jean Vargo, The Reverend Drew Woodruff

ALTAR GUILD  

Dania Watson, Nicole Thomas

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Please refer to our Cathedral eNews, e-mailed every Monday, for more specifics, zoom links, etc.

Easter Lilies
All Lilies for Easter must be pre-ordered this year. Contact Jan Morrell to place your order.

Bishop Phoebe’s Visit
If you would like to be confirmed or baptized, please look toward the Easter Vigil or June 6, when the bishop will be visiting the cathedral. Contact Rev. Jean with your inquiries.

Lenten Care Packages
Packets are out for delivery. Contact Rev. Jean or Emily Pratt in the Cathedral office to arrange for pickup or contactless delivery.

- a book “Rediscover Jesus” by Matthew Kelly
- a kid’s lenten box
- Lenten calendar

Drive-in Movie Theater
Saturdays at first dark (~6:30pm) during Lent, a movie theatre will be set up in the parking lot. Sound will be received through your car radios. We will offer Lent-appropriate movies and popcorn. Dates will be posted and show time is at first dark around 6:30 or 7. This week: Case for Christ
ADMISSION: canned pop-top food for Pop-Top Ministry
CONCESSIONS: popcorn and soda available

Saturday Pop Top & Wednesday Breakfast
POP TOP has been moved to Saturday, and we are serving sausage biscuit sandwiches on Wednesday. We need sponsors for this breakfast; we will use all volunteers, no paid staff. We are asking if people would volunteer for the first, second or third Wednesday of the month. You may volunteer to buy the food, make the sandwiches and or serve the food. If you have questions about how to help, contact Deacon Drew Woodruff: 901.336.1103 or dewverger@aol.com.

Conversation Café
Hosted every Wednesday at 6 and every Sunday at 11:30, these Conversations will give us an opportunity to get to know each other, ask questions, enjoy fellowship, explore ideas and the like. Attend as often as you like.

Children’s Chapel @ 4:51 on Saturdays
Saturdays at 4:51pm, right before the evening service. Mrs. Claire has songs and a message just for the little ones!

Bible Study
Sundays in Lent: 1 pm.
Rediscover Jesus: Reflective Discussion with Rev. Jean and Jerry Harber

Update Your Communication Info by calling Emily Pratt in the church office: 901-937-4788, or emailing epratt@stmarysmemphis.org.
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2022 – Drew Smith, Michael Synk, Billy Pullen, Margery Wolcott
2023 – Julie Byrd Ashworth, Tim Baker, Justin Price

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Wednesday Noonday Prayer @ 12 noon on Facebook Live
Friday Night Stations of the Cross @ 7:30pm on Facebook Live

Go to the St. Mary's Facebook page and click the "video" button to begin watching live.