

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

# MARCH 7, 2021

**Prelude** (Crescendo Vocal Ensemble): “Justitiae Domini” (1593 in Offertoria totius anni)  
by Giovanni Pierluigida Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

*Latin text*

Justitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda;  
et judicia eius dulciora super mel et favum.  
Nam servus tuus custodit ea.

*English translation*

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart  
his judgments sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.  
For thy servant keeps them.

[Psalm 19, vss. 8a, 10b, 11a]

*Pastor* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

**Lord, have mercy – Señor, ten piedad**

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**Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.**

**Christ, have mercy. Cristo, ten piedad.**

**Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.**

### Collect of the Day

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

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

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**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 Book of Exodus 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

**Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** “Christ is made the sure foundation”

*Westminster Abbey*

*Pastor*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three

days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Pastor*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor Heidi Truax

### **The 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops, Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers Sunny MacMillan, Mo Maddox, Jackson and Melissa Marvel, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today ... (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added.*)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

## **The Prayer List**

### **SICK**

Bill  
Martha  
Richard V.  
Carlos  
Donna  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Marlene  
Jeremy  
Betsy H.  
Roberto  
Alice Tweed  
All cancer patients as they continue their recovery  
All caregivers  
And all those suffering with COVID-19

### **REST IN PEACE**

Bill Dickenson  
Chantal Hedges  
Linda Bastedo  
Giovanni Favretti  
Liberty Rees  
All who have died from COVID-19

## **The Confession**

**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.**

### **Absolution**

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**

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**The Offertory Anthem** “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” Christine Gevert on tune *Picardy*

### **The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Santo, santo, santo es el Señor,  
God of power and might, Dios del universo.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 Bread is Broken**

**Lamb of God – Cordero de Dios**

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**Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:  
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.  
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:  
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.  
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,  
Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:  
Grant us peace. Danos paz.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal Giver of love and life, you have nourished us today with holy food and drink. Now send us into the world to preach your Good News, to do your justice and to walk humbly in your way. Amen.**

Adapted (AWD) from Book of Occasional Services.

### **The Blessing**

The holy and Strong One, the Merciful God, deliver you from the powers of evil, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn** “There’s a witness in God’s mercy”

*Wellesley*

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Organ Improvisation on tune *Wellesley*

Gevert

### **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Lector:* Scott Frost  
*Psalmist:* Judith Sherman  
*Epistoler:* Alexis Dorf  
*Intercessor:* Linda Lloyd  
*Counter:* Scott Frost  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

### **Announcements**

*Sundays*            10:30 AM Spiritual Eucharist on YouTube  
                         11:30 AM Coffee “Hour” on Zoom

*Thursdays*        12:30 PM Bible Study – Book of Micah

*Sat., Mar. 20*       10:00 AM Brass polishing at Trinity in preparation for Easter

*Sunday, Mar. 21*   12:00 Noon – Vestry meeting on Zoom

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