

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

**10:30 a.m. – A.A.A.W.E.!!**

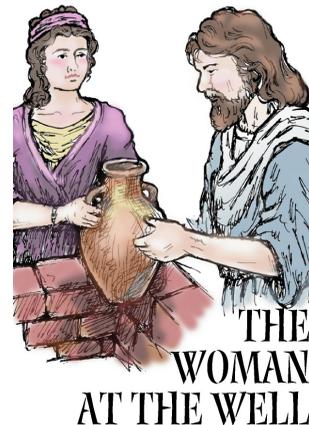
*(Amazing, Awesome, Alternative Worship Experience!)*

## Welcome

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*Please ask an usher for a copy of the service music*



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### We Gather Together

*Please remain seated as the Sanctuary Party takes their place before the service begins.*

#### **Explanation of What it Means to Gather as a Community and to Confess our sins**

*Celebrant* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Cast your burden upon the Lord,

*People* **And he will sustain you.**

*Celebrant* Create in me a clean heart, O God,

*People* **And renew a right spirit within me.**

*Celebrant* Cast me not away from your presence

*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

*Celebrant* Give me the joy of your saving help again

*People* **And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Lord day by day,

*People* **The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

#### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

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

*Celebrant* We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins.

*People* **And make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* Peace before us; Peace behind us; Peace under our feet.  
Peace within us; Peace over us; Let all around us be peace.  
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

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

**Opening Song “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**

Text from American Folk Tune

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| 1 | Jesus walked this lonesome valley;<br>He had to walk it by himself.<br>Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;<br>He had to walk it by himself.    | 3 | You must go and stand your trial;<br>You have to stand it by yourself.<br>Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;<br>You have to stand it by yourself. |
| 2 | We must walk this lonesome valley;<br>We have to walk it by ourselves.<br>Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;<br>We have to walk it by ourselves. |   |  |

**Opening Prayers**

*Celebrant* God of hope, you have called us to walk a journey of faith. Sometimes we follow closely. Occasionally, we wander off the path to explore something new that has caught our eye; and often we forget the journey all together. Then there are times when, in fear, we want to stop moving at all, and we cower in our uncertainty. May the offering we receive this morning remind us of why we are on the journey. May it be a reaffirmation of our trust in the one who leads and encourages us. May it be used to shine light in the dark places, so that others will follow on the journey as well. In Christ’s Holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

*People* **Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope—hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to the possibilities of friendship—the possibilities of encountering you in unexpected ways, the possibilities of seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.**

**We Listen to the Story***Explanation of What it Means to Listen to God’s Word*

First Reading: Exodus 17:1–7 (from “The Message”)  
*Reader* We listen to a story of God’s children in the wilderness from Exodus.

Directed by God, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn’t a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to task: “Give us water to drink.” But Moses said, “Why pester me? Why are you testing God?”

But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, “Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?”

Moses cried out in prayer to God, “What can I do with these people? Any minute now they’ll kill me!”

God said to Moses, “Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. I’m going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink.”

Moses did what he said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place Massah (Testing-Place) and Meribah (Quarreling) because of the quarrelling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, “Is God here with us, or not?”

*Reader* Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* **May we be inspired by what we have heard.**

**Psalm 95:1–7**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #363 Duke Street

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| 1 | Come, let us sing to God on high,<br>The Rock of our salvation praise;<br>Come with thanksgiving to his courts<br>And joyful psalms before him raise.  | 3 | Bow down and let us worship him<br>Who is our Maker and our Lord;<br>We are his people and his sheep;<br>Today, then, hearken to his Word. |
| 2 | For God is Lord above all gods,<br>The heights and depths are in his<br>hand;<br>He made the sea and it is his,<br>His hands have molded the dry land. |   |  |

**Creator of all, we give you thanks for a world full of wonder, but above all because you have called us into a holy fellowship with you and with each other. Guide us in the ways of this your new creation, rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gradual Song #360 “Bless the Lord, My Soul”**

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Holy Gospel: passage (read dramatically from “The Message”)

*Subdeacon* The good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **May we have ears to hear!**

*Subdeacon* To get to Galilee, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said,

*Reader 1* “Would you give me a drink of water?”

*Subdeacon* (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.) The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked,

*Reader 2* “How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”

*Subdeacon* (Jews in those days wouldn’t be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

*Reader 1* “If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water.”

*Reader 2* “Sir, you don’t even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this ‘living water?’ Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?”

*Reader 1* “Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.”

*Reader 2* “Sir, give me this water so I won’t ever get thirsty, won’t ever have to come back to this well again!”

*Reader 1* “Go call your husband and then come back.”

*Reader 2* “I have no husband.”

*Reader 1* “That’s nicely put: ‘I have no husband.’ You’ve had five husbands, and the man you’re living with now isn’t even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough.”

*Reader 2* “Oh, so you’re a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshipped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?”

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*Reader 1* “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God’s way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you’re called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

“It’s who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That’s the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration.”

*Reader 2* “I don’t know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we’ll get the whole story.”

*Reader 1* “I am he. You don’t have to wait any longer or look any further.”

*Subdeacon* Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn’t believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it. The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people,

*Reader 2* “Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?”

*Subdeacon* And they went out to see for themselves. Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman’s witness:

*Reader 2* “He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!”

*Subdeacon* They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman,

*People* **“We’re no longer taking this on your say-so. We’ve heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He’s the Saviour of the world!”**

*Subdeacon* This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

*People* **As we have heard, now may we live!**

### We Reflect on the Story

#### Explanation of What it Means to Reflect on the Scriptures

**Reflection**

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**We Respond to the Story****Explanation of What it Means to Respond to the Story****Affirmation of Faith**

*People* **We believe in God, the maker of all things, source of all life and Mother of all children. Our life is in God, and in God we are one with all beings.**

**We follow Jesus, the Christ, the Revealer of God, who taught us to love, who gave us courage to trust God's grace, and who bid us to take up our cross and follow him. In his life and ministry and his death and resurrection, he has shown us that in losing our lives we find them. He who was crucified is the Lord of the Universe.**

**We rely upon the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the unity of the church, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the reality of eternal life.**

**Therefore we devote ourselves to disciplined practice of the Way of Jesus in our daily lives, so that we may grow in faithfulness, and serve God in humble, confident love for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Leader* We pray to you, Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

**We Share the Meal together****Explanation of What it Means to Gather at the Table****Invitation to the Offering** (Romans 5; John 4)

*Celebrant* We are called to live in hope and to share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.

**Offertory Song "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"**

Text from African-American spiritual

**Refrain:**

Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

- 1 Knocks like Jesus,  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Knocks like Jesus,  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

**Refrain**

- 2 Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

**Refrain**

- 3 Jesus calls you,  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Jesus calls you,  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

**Refrain**

- 4 Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

**Refrain****Offering Prayer** (Exodus 17; John 4)

*Celebrant* Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving 8** [From Evangelical Lutheran Worship]

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with

joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn  
#689

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** [Hymn #684]

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #7**

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*Celebrant* We break this bread,

*People* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

*People* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

**Lamb of God**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away our sins.

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God you take away our sins.

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God you take away our sins.

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

**Communion**

*Celebrant* Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.  
The gifts of God for the family of God.

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

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

# 11

## Song during Communion "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Tune Hymn #48 Picardy

Text by John Patrick Earls

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| <p>1 As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice, with its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth, may the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.</p> <p>2 Through the days of waiting, watching in the desert of our sin, searching on the far horizon for a sign of cloud or wind, we await the healing waters of our Saviour's victory.</p> | <p>3 Praise be given to the Maker of the seasons' yearly round: to the Speaker through the Spoken in their living Breath of love as the ever turning seasons roll to their eternal rest.</p> |
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## Song during Communion "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

Tune Hymn #35 Beach Spring

Text by Herman Stuempfle

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| <p>1 Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the tempter tells him; "turn these barren rocks to bread!" "Not alone by bread," he answers, "can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"</p> <p>2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall: "Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!" Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request: "God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."</p> | <p>3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: "Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!" Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way: "God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"</p> <p>4 When we face temptation's power, Lonely, struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.</p> |
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# 12

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Holy God, we came to this table tempted to deny the pain of life, scarred from too many broken dreams, knowing that we are not immune to evil's lure.

And you met us at this table; embracing us I our brokenness, naming us "beloved," claiming us for an eternity. We thank you, living loving God. **Amen.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant* We have encountered the living God through the love of the living Christ. We have been refreshed by living water. Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires. Be water bearers to a dry and parched world, knowing that the God of love and hope goes before you and with you always. **Amen.**

## The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge: Announcements

### We go Back into the World

#### *Explanation of What it Means to be Sent Out from Worship*

#### Closing Hymn "Jesus in the Morning"

Text from African-American folk song

- 1 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noon time;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
- 2 Praise him, Praise him, Praise him in the morning,  
Praise him in the noon time;  
Praise him, Praise him, Praise him when the sun goes down!
- 3 Love him, Love him, Love him in the morning,  
Love him in the noon time;  
Love him, Love him, Love him when the sun goes down!
- 4 Serve him, Serve him, Serve him in the morning,  
Serve him in the noon time;  
Serve him, Serve him, Serve him when the sun goes down!
- 5 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noon time;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The sanctuary party leaves the church in silence.*

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
		3rd Sunday of the month (AAWE)

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAWE (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Student Intern	James Yu
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***