

**Pohick Episcopal Church • March 14, 2021 • 9:00 am**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent • Morning Prayer Rite II  
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**Opening Welcome**

**Prelude** *My faithful heart rejoices*

*Brahms*

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

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*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.*

Officiant 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 Invitatory and Psalter**

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

**Venite** Psalm 95

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*Officiant and People*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come, let us adore him.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

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!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
At Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.  
They put me to the test, \*  
Though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

*Officiant and People*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come, let us adore him.*

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** (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.

## The Lessons

Reader A Reading 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.*

**A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator* (in unison)

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*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
 in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Reader A Reading 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.

Hymn 473 *Lift high the cross*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a descant, a refrain, and a main body of the hymn. The descant and refrain are marked with their respective titles. The lyrics are: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:"

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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**Reader** A Gospel Reading from John (3:14-21)

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.”

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, *Rector*

**Pohick Bell Choir video** *Worship and praise*

*Rogers*

**The Apostles' Creed** *Officiant and People, all standing*

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*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

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*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.*

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People *And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People *Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People *Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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.*

Collect for the Renewal of Life

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O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn 467 *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

1 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,  
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;  
3 God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
4 Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:  
ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.  
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?  
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - Rit pure.  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Officiant* Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19**, by illness or hunger, or by loss of life, job or home. For all who are isolated, alone, or discouraged.

**We pray for Pohick Church** and all churches who are learning to be community in new ways.

**We especially pray for an end to the pandemic, and wisdom for our leaders.** We give thanks for the vaccine.

**We pray for an end to racism and all social injustice**, for the courage to protest wrongs peacefully, and for an end to the civil unrest and violence in our nation.

**We pray for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel:** Elizabeth Mann, Dr. Kevin Botts, Will Prados, Julie Kiefer, Lucy, Karen, Laura, Jennifer, Dr. Will Edmonson, Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle, Sara Mulhern,

Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delania and Tracy Torseth, RNs.

**We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation**, especially for Kristy Girten, the Nelson Family, Penelope Mann, Kenneth Minter, Archie Taylor and family, Erika Knudsen, Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Willy Lowel, Suzi Scott, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Joan Egan, Bill Hosp, Margery, Jack Florio, Tim Dwyer, William Low, Simon Delgado, Stan Coss, James King, Funmi Oduolowu, Fiona, Harry Petrie, Raymond Hawthorne, Susan Yarwood, Diane, Jim, Mary Hoffman, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Carol and Glenn Larkin, Sr., Cindy Johnston, Tom Bland, Pam Botts, Millie Kiefer, Jim Bloom, Nancy Bireley, Femi Ayorinde, Sandra Christian, Ben Egan, Darryl Sebastian, Francine Brailsford, Shelby Sternberg, Chandra Zinola, Sandy Hand, Roy Baumann, Bill Poad, Travis and Karen Gossett, Victoria Kramer, Clarence Walker, Joan Davis, Meredith Allen, Linda Patterson, and George Kahlife.

**We also pray for those having birthdays this week:** Lori Buckius, Matthew Jackson, Susanne Leon, Emma York, Sage Hofmann, William Hodges, Ann-Beatrice Vopelak, and Melisa Lynn.

**We pray for our members who serve our country**, particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

**We pray for Christians and others around the world**, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

**We pray for peace in the Middle East**, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

**In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for** the South Shenandoah Region churches: Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, Orkney Springs; Christ, Luray; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Emmanuel, Woodstock; Lynnwood Parish - Grace Memorial, Port Republic and St. Stephen & the Good Shepherd, Elkton; St. Andrew's, Mt. Jackson; St. George's, Pine Grove, Stanley; and St. Paul's, Ingham, Shenandoah.

*Other intercessions may be typed in Facebook comments, or spoken aloud or in silence.*

### **Concluding Collect**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;

In the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

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### *Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### Closing remarks

Postlude *O Food to pilgrims given*

*Brahms*

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Soloist: Carolyn Cockroft, *contralto*  
Acolyte: Samantha Biddlecomb

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us at 11:00 am today for ***Just Mercy***, a Book, Bible, and Movie Study that examines questions of justice, based on the book by Bryan Stephenson. Study led by Michael Wooten and Rev. Lynn. If you have not already registered, please visit website at [pohick.org](http://pohick.org) to register so your email can be added to the class roster.
- Two **Adult Bible Studies** are being offered Sunday evenings via Zoom, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. *You can join at any time!* Visit our website to register so the Zoom meeting details can be emailed to you.
  - Exile and Return from Exile** addresses how the people of God encounter God during challenging times. Class open to women and men! Email Tony Harriman, [harrimanawh@yahoo.com](mailto:harrimanawh@yahoo.com), for more info or register online at [pohick.org](http://pohick.org).
  - Being Community** gathers weekly via Zoom with a community of women to share life experiences, ask questions, and explore how to navigate uncertain times. Visit website to register or email Amy, [Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com).
- **The Wednesday Night Lenten Program**, “Resting in the Lord: Repentance, Renewal and Resurrection,” continues this Wednesday, March 17, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, Bishop, will speak to us about *The Welcoming Prayer*. Watch for weekly emails that share the Zoom link.
- Join us at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 21, for **Morning Prayer Rite II**. The service will be streamed live on Facebook. Visit [pohick.org](http://pohick.org) for link.
- **Great news:** If COVID numbers hold or continue their decline, we plan to hold two outdoor Eucharists on Palm Sunday and three on Easter Sunday! Alleluia!
- Since we are unable to hold our April/May African Team Ministries sale at the church this year, you can support this ministry by attending the **African Team Ministries Virtual Sale**. Visit our website for more information, [pohick.org](http://pohick.org).

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