

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 7, 2021 – 10:30am**



*Jesus Cleansing the Temple – Alexander Smirnov*

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Praise to the Living God*

Hymn 372

<sup>1</sup> Praise to the living God!  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
for ay the same.  
the one eternal God  
ere aught that now appears:  
the First, the Last, beyond all thought  
his timeless years!

<sup>2</sup> Formless, all lovely forms  
declare his loveliness;  
holy, no holiness of earth  
can his express.  
Lo, he is Lord of all.  
Creation speaks his praise,  
and everywhere above, below,  
his will obeys.

<sup>3</sup> His Spirit floweth free,  
high surging where it will:  
in prophet's word he spake of old:  
he speaketh still.  
Established is his law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart,  
on sea, on land.

<sup>4</sup> Eternal life hath he  
implanted in the soul;  
his love shall be our strength and stay  
while ages roll.  
Praise to the living God!  
All praised be his Name  
who was, and is, and is to be,  
for aye the same.

*Celebrant*  
**People**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

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*Trisagion*

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**Holy God**  
**Holy and mighty**  
**Holy Immortal One**  
**Have mercy**  
**Have mercy on us**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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 FIRST LESSON**

*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.

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 19:8-11*

**All** **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
*Cantor* The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.  
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

**All** **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
*Cantor* The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.  
The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes.

**All** **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
*Cantor* The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.  
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just.

**All** **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**  
*Cantor* They are more to be desired than gold, than quantities of gold.  
And sweeter are they than honey, than honey flowing from the comb.

**All** **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*1 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.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

Hymn 144

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| <p><sup>1</sup> Lord Jesus, Sun of righteousness,<br/>shine in our hearts, we pray;<br/>dispel the gloom that shades our minds<br/>and be to us as day.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Give guidance to our wandering ways,<br/>forgive us, Lord, our sin;<br/>restore us by your loving care<br/>to peace and joy within.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Lord, grant that we in penitence<br/>may offer you our praise,<br/>and through your saving sacrifice<br/>receive your gift of grace.</p> | <p><sup>4</sup> Now nearer draws the day of days<br/>when paradise shall bloom,<br/>when we shall be at one with you,<br/>Lord, risen from the tomb.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> The universe your glory shows,<br/>blest Father, Spirit, Son;<br/>we shall acclaim your majesty,<br/>eternal Three in One.</p> |
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**THE GOSPEL***John 2:13-22**Celebrant*  
**People**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**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.

*Celebrant*  
**People**The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.****SERMON**

Fr. Stace Tafoya

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**All****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.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**All** **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.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

*My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62)*

<sup>1</sup> Oh my God hear my cry  
From the depths I call out to You  
You give your mercy and light  
In the dark and the wilderness

**My soul finds rest in God alone  
My salvation comes from Him  
My soul finds rest God is my hope  
I will not be shaken I will not be shaken**

<sup>2</sup> You are my shield and my strength  
Train my feet for this battle  
Our God is mighty to save  
I will wait I will wait for Him

<sup>3</sup> O my strength I sing praise to You  
O my strength I sing praise to You  
In joy or pain I sing praise to You  
Night or day I sing praise to You

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**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hymn S-130

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

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant*    We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.** Hymn S-147

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**            **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.**

**All Sing**      **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.** Hymn S-164  
                  **Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**  
                  **Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**  
                  **give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Pass Me Not*

**Savior Savior hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by**

<sup>1</sup> Pass me not O gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

<sup>2</sup> Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief  
Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief

<sup>3</sup> Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face  
Heal my wounded broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace

<sup>4</sup> Thou the Spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee  
Whom in heaven but Thee

Fanny Jane Crosby | William Howard Doane

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All 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.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

*Rock of Ages*

Hymn 685

<sup>1</sup> Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

<sup>2</sup> Should my tears for ever flow,  
should my zeal no languor know,  
all for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone;  
in my hand no price I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling.

<sup>3</sup> While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown  
and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.