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Sunday Worship

March 8, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for a pot luck lunch after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song:** Take My Life and Let It Be – Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thy own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

Priest: 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.**

***Song of Praise:** To You – Darlene Zschech

Here I stand, forever in Your mighty hand, living with Your promise written on my heart.

I am Yours, surrendered wholly to You. You set me in Your family, calling me Your own.

Now I, I belong to You, all I need Your Spirit, Your Word, Your truth. Hear my cry, my deep desire to know You more.

In Your name I will lift my hands to the King, this anthem of praise I bring. Heaven knows I long to love You with all I am.

(Repeat from beginning)

***All:** 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.

A Reading from 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Song: Holy and Anointed One

Jesus, Jesus, Holy and anointed One, Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus, Risen and exalted One, Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips. Your Spirit like water to my soul. Your word is a lamp unto my feet, Jesus I love You, I love You.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(2:13-22)

All: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

*Prayers of the People

- Leader:** In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.
For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud), we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For Centerville Family Practice, Dr. Nelson Chen Fernandez, and Dr. Beerta Granados Ortega, that this new family medicine practice would prosper and bring a new level of health to many in our community, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For the congregations and clergy of St. Peter's, Port Royal; Hanover with Brunswick Parish; King George; St. Peter's, Purcellville; Good Shepherd, Bluemont; Immanuel, King & Queen; St. Paul's, West Point that they would continually walk in the power the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.
- Leader:** For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:
- All:** Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For healthcare in Metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Sweet Mercies – Davis Ruis

It's our confession Lord, that we are weak, so very weak, but You are strong and though we've nothing Lord, to lay at your feet, we come to Your feet and say, "Help us along."

A broken heart and a contrite spirit You have yet to deny. Your heart of mercy beats with love's strong current. Let the river flow by your Spirit now, Lord we cry.

(Chorus:) Let Your mercies fall from heaven, sweet mercies flow from heaven. New mercies for today, shower them down Lord as we pray. Let Your mercies fall from heaven, sweet mercies flow from heaven. New mercies for today, shower them down Lord as we pray.

***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. **Amen.**

***Eucharistic Prayer B**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (spoken not sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

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.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: 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.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Song of Dismissal: Hear our Praises – Reuben Morgan**

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

(Chorus:) From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *(Chorus)*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd, Jr.

The Symphony Retirement Community

Linda Eggleston

Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow

Paula Gordon

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker

Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice readers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice Readers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
<u>Date</u>				
8-Mar	Richard Walker	Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
15-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
22-Mar	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
29-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Apr	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~ Announcements ~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 11	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 22	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 25	Caritas	Christ Church	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28	Caregivers Support Group	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday (visit from Aspire Dance Academy)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Caritas at Christ Church on March 25. We will provide the meal that evening for the homeless staying at Christ Church. Please contact Jenna Nelson to help: jnelson561@gmail.com

Caregivers Support Group - On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, St. Francis will host an educational program presented by the Alzheimer's Organization of Greater Richmond on the 10 warning signs for this illness and communication strategies for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's. This program will be open to everyone, and we ask that if you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact Susan Kidd for more information.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke outreach meets on March 8, 2015 at 5:00pm at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 166 Centerville Park Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com

The Garden meets on March 15, 2015 immediately after worship. Contact MJ Weatherford at mcats2@aol.com

Symphony meets on March 22, 2015 at 9:00am at the Symphony Manor of Richmond, 12411 Gayton Rd., Richmond 23238. Contact Bobbie Leviness at bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	(\$3,093.10)
February	\$11,139.66	\$9,298.57	\$1,841.09
March	<u>\$565.00</u>	<u>\$719.10</u>	(\$154.10)
1st Quarter	\$16,345.66	\$17,751.77	(\$1,406.11)
2015 Year-To-Date	\$16,345.66	\$17,751.77	(\$1,406.11)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$30,599.71	(\$1,406.11)

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