

I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery.

Exodus 20:2

More to be desired are they
than gold, even much fine
gold; sweeter also than hon-
ey, and drippings of the hon-
eycomb. **Psalm 19:10**

For God's foolishness is wis-
er than human wisdom, and
God's weakness is stronger
than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:25

Jesus told those who were
selling the doves, "Take
these things out of here! Stop
making my Father's house a
marketplace!" **John 2:16**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit Hymn 506 (v. 1, 4)

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!"

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

Prayer for Wholeness

Lord, what shall I do that I
can't quiet myself?
Here is the bread, and
here is the cup, and
I can't quiet myself.

When will my eyes of rejoicing turn peaceful?

When will my joyful feet grow still?

When will my heart stop its prancing
as over the summer grass?

Lord, I would run for you, loving the miles for your sake.

I would climb the highest tree
to be that much closer.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Exodus 19 – 20 (selected verses)

Sermon

"This Holy Union"

Hymn 833 (v. 1-3)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Hymn 833 (v. 4)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Credo

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

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+Sending Hymn 502 (v. 2, 4)

"We Who Once Were Dead"

To these circling mountains
we must speak with voices
in songs, rhythmic speeches,
orations, and prayers.

Ofelia Zepeda

Your name is taken in vain,
when they go around saying
you are a little "anticommu-
nist" god who needs planes
and tanks to crush the people
who are trying to forge their
own history. **Julia Esquivel**

To enter the language of trans-
formation! To learn the impor-
tance of stillness, with one's
hands folded! **Mary Oliver**

And you were dark and warm
and without time and without
words and you held me.

Janet Morley

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

Prayer for Wholeness

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+Hymns

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Sunday, March 7 • Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!

5:00 p.m. Community dinner at Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, March 10

7:30 p.m. Lenten Reflection “What it Means to Rise from the Dead” via Zoom

Thursday, March 11

7:00 p.m. Session meets via Zoom

Sunday, March 14 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - Clocks ahead one hour

Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!

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INTO THE WILDERNESS: A Lenten Journey through Mar. 28. Our theme for Lent invites us to join Jesus with the “wild beasts” in the wilderness. What do we learn about God and ourselves when life as we know it is stripped down to its core? How do we carry what we learn in the desert into our ministries of justice and compassion?

WHAT IT MEANS TO RISE FROM THE DEAD:

Mid-Week Lenten Reflections. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Weekly gatherings in Lent will reflect on these questions and more with music, art, story, and contemplation. March 10: Judaism and the After-Life in the Time of Jesus.

EASTER

WATER THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: A Virtual Service for Maundy Thursday. April 1, 7:00 p.m. This year’s service will reimagine the traditional ceremony of foot-washing as an oasis of hope through the desert of Good Friday.

VIRTUAL VIGIL Through the Desert of Good

Friday begins via Zoom 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1 and continues through noon on Friday, April 2. Images of the “wilderness experience” in landscape and the human condition will guide us in prayers for compassion and justice.

EASTER OFFERING OGHs (One Great Hour of Sharing) will be shared: 50% to humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects), 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM), and 25% to Good Shepherd. Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHs.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE OUTSIDE!!!! April 4, gather at 6:30 a.m. for an informal service at Rumsey Monument Park, the end of Mill Street in Shepherdstown. Please bring a chair, wear a mask, and gather on the grass area below the monument. Also, bring a reading, poem, or song to share with the group. Bring your own coffee or tea and donuts will be provided.

Season of Lent

Third Sunday

March 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

FAITH

I want to write about faith,
about the way the moon rises
over cold snow, night after night,

faithful even as it fades from fullness,
slowly becoming that last curving and impossible
sliver of light before the final darkness.

But I have no faith myself.
I refuse the smallest entry.

Let this, then, my small poem,
like a new moon, slender and barely open,
be the first prayer that opens me to faith.

David Whyte

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