

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* Affirmation of Faith "Apostles Creed" No 881

* Gloria Patri No 70

PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS AND OFFERING

Declaration of Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer,

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

THE VOICING OF SCRIPTURE

Hymn of Preparation "We Would See Jesus" No. 256

Sermon "A Renewed Spirit" Rev. Rich Evans

* Closing Hymn "Passing On" No. 572

SENDING FORTH

* Benediction

* Postlude "Grand Processional" by Gluck

* Please Stand

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GROOME CHURCH



*Giving thanks and celebrating
120 years of faithful service to
Christ and Community*



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*"...if we walk in the light,
as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another..."*

- I John 1:7

Historic Lewes Delaware

GROOME CHURCH
March 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Reverend Dr. Willard Crossan III
Associate Pastor: Reverend Richard Evans

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AND CONFESSION

Parish Calendar and Greeting *Reverend Evans*

Organ Prelude "Passiontide" *by Esther Higgins*

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:12-16*

Pastor: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

People: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

Pastor: I will delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

People: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

* Opening Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *No. 279*

* The Peace

Choral Anthem

Prayer of Confession

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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Psalm 51:1-17 *Retta Rose Frampton*

1:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 1:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

1:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 1:4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. 1:5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. 1:6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. 1:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 1:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. 1:9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 1:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 1:11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 1:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. 1:13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 1:14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. 1:15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 1:16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. 1:17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

* Gospel Lesson: *John 12:20-33*

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12:20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 12:21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 12:23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 12:24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 12:25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 12:27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 12:28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 12:29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 12:30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 12:33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.