

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church  
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



The Sixth Wednesday in Lent  
April 5, 2017  
12:00 noon

# The Order of Service

✠ *Congregation stand as you are able.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE..... Jason Evans, Organist

✠ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively*)

OFFICIANT: O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE: O Lord, make haste to help us.

ALL: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

✠ THE HYMN NO. 6: "I Bind unto Myself Today" (verses 1-2)..... ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: EXODUS 17:11-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

LEADER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ THE HYMN NO. 6: "I Bind unto Myself Today" (verses 3-4)..... ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 4: 5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me drink' you would have asked him, and he would have given you the living

water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

LEADER: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

THE REFLECTION..... The Rev. Tom Wilson

LEADER: Lord hear our Prayer

**PEOPLE: And let our cry come to You**

LEADER: Let us pray: Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

**ALL: Amen.**

I bid your Thanksgivings and Intercessions aloud or silently:

All the prayers we have in our hearts we sum up in the prayer our savior taught us to pray:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✠THE HYMN NO. 6: "I Bind unto Myself Today" (verses 5-6) .....ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

✠THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

LEADER: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Jason Evans, Organist

***Jesus Behind Me  
The Samaritan Woman (Poem)***

In the full light of the day, shadows that are cast  
seemed darker with a withering heat of no mercy  
stirring male and female old biddies' controversy  
over whom to slather representations of the past.  
Worst biddies live within confines of our mind  
haunted by the mistakes causing body to shudder  
with the remembrances of the follies that clutter  
the yesterdays with a shame that will soul grind.  
Lover longs to be invited to revisit, walk through  
again, but now with a compassionate loving eye  
seeing the facts but banishing shame with a sigh  
that it took much too long to heal and bid adieu.  
Walking behind us the Lover was already there  
forgiving before we noticed and started a prayer.

**Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by All Saints' Episcopal Church. The cost of the lunch \$5.00.**

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## **HOLY WEEK SPEAKER AND LUNCHEON HOST**

**April 12, 2017**

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker  
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter  
N. Dare Ministerial Association, Luncheon