Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Seventh Wednesday in Lent
April 17, 2019
12:00 noon

Celebrant:
The Rev. Spottswood Graves

Lenten Services Sponsored by
The North Dare Ministerial Association

This is God’s House! All are Welcome!

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
907 South Croatan Highway
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
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The Order of Service for the Lord’s Day

♦ = Congregation Standing as Able

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE PRELUDE...........................................................Mr. Jason Evans, Organist

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE HYMN NO. 624: “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”.............................. TOULON

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (In Unison) .....................................From When We Gather

God of glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace you call your own. We join with the merciful, who through the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshiped your name. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken Responsively). . . .The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation*

Leader: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
People: Father Forgive.
Leader: Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

THE SCRIPTURE READING..................................................................................................Hebrews 9:11-15

" But when the Messiah arrived, high priest of the superior things of this new covenant, he bypassed the old tent and its trappings in this created world and went straight into heaven's "tent"—the true Holy Place—once and for all. 12 He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. 13 If that animal blood and the other rituals of purification were effective in cleaning up certain matters of our religion and behavior, 14 think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out. 15 Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God."

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “You’ll Never Know Just How Much I Love You” ......... Warren & Gordon Nick Hodsdon

THE MEDITATION ................................................................. The Rev. Spottswood Graves

THE PRAYER OF SUPPlication

Light of Light, and God of God, Who bowed your heavens, and descended to earth for the salvation of the world, out of your love for us; extend your Almighty right hand, and send out your blessings on us all. Hallow our bodies and souls by your Sacrifice and guide our steps into the paths of righteousness, that we may behave ourselves according to your will, and observe your commandments and do them all the days of our life, and come to a blessed end, and sing a ceaseless hymn with your saints to You, and the Father, and your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE HYMN NO. 216: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” .............................. ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE BENEDICTION ............................................................... Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE ................................................................. Mr. Jason Evans, Organist

*The Litany of Reconciliation was written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958 and today is prayed regularly by Community of the Cross of Nails members around the world, and by many others on an occasional basis. While framed around the seven deadly sins, it serves as a reminder that when we pray about the problems of the world around us, we need to begin by acknowledging the roots of those problems in our own hearts. The Litany is prayed, in a short ceremony taking at most ten minutes, at noon each weekday in Coventry Cathedral and in the Cathedral ruins on Fridays, and absolutely anyone is very welcome to join us. (from the Coventry Cathedral website).

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

The cost of the lunch $5.00.
Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule

Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Service sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services began on Ash Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 noon and continue through April 17. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry, Food for Thought, Mt. Olivet Food Pantry, and the Hatteras Island Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The last service for the 2019 Lenten season is as follows:

April 17, 2019
The Wednesday of Holy Week

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Luncheon