



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Vater unser im Himmelreich

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn 401: *Leoni*, "The God of Abraham praise"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Decalogue

BCP 317

Kneeling as able, the People respond with the words in italics.

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God
who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of
anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water
under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Kyrie S91 (*Each petition is sung three times.*)

BCP 324

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

BCP 167

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his

name?’ what shall I say to them?’” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

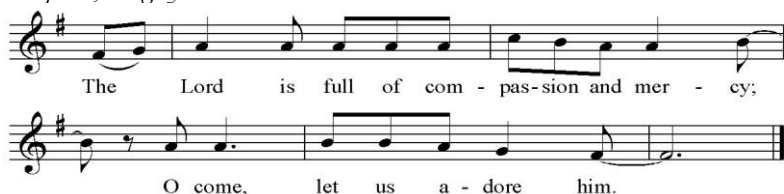
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

setting: M. Whitmire

Antiphon, sung by all.



Cantor

- 1 God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name. *Antiphon*
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. *Antiphon*

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 635: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, “If thou but trust in God”

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree

planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. James Lemler

Nicene Creed

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The people stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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.

The Prayers of the People

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Please kneel as you are able and let us open our hearts to God.

Leader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President, Governor, and Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray for all the people of Ukraine during this time of trial. We pray for peace between the nations of Russia and Ukraine and for all those that have lost their lives. We continue to pray that a peaceful resolution can be found to the current conflict and a that spirit of peace and forbearance can prevail between these two countries.

We pray for healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers and for those in our Armed Forces, especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey.

We pray for those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James's Children Center.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Hylah Boyd, Stacy Burrs, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Jamie Gugino, Anne Heffner, Dave Johnson, Barbara Katz, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Bunky Miller, Carol Piersol, Henry Seaman, Chuck Silva, Parker Skidmore, Bradford Smith, Cora Sue Spruill, Jessie Sumrell, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Erin Wright, Ben and Eloise, Ace, and David.

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

We give thanks for the newly born, especially Harold James Wardlaw Stegmaier, son of Margaret Wardlaw and Andrew Stegmaier, who was born recently, and for those about to be baptized, especially James Knowles Chauncey Millen who will be baptized at St. James's next Sunday.

We pray for all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Helen Branch, Rob Brumley, Molly Feagans, Bill Hall, Olivia Hopkins, Oscar Monette, Zia Paulachak, Norfleet Stallings, and Elsa Woodaman, who celebrate their birthday today.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Randolph Watkins and Virginia Whitely Watkins, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, James, our Patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Unseen Boatman

Mark Whitmire

Refrain: Unseen boatman, guide us through,
lead our journey to a favorable shore.

We glide through the river of our days,
paying attention to the details at hand,
the structures that order our lives;
the luxuries that ease our aches and pains
and lull our senses to lesser dreams.

A slender arch lies ahead, echoed in the path upon which we glide.

What lies beyond?

What dwells in the darkness wherein we cannot peer?

What hopes or dreams live or die in that eternal space?

What knowledge will we carry there?

What necessities will we long to have?

What regrets will penetrate our inner dark?

What hope shed light upon our way? *Refrain*

Glide through the arch in faith and hope,
for the love that has sustained all life since time's beginning
will continue the journey of life in what lies beyond
the limits of our sight.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Great Thanksgiving

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus S114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with

these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs
under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is
always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat
the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we
may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant

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.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Os justi

Anton Bruckner

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius;
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Please kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 688: *Ein feste Burg*, “A mighty fortress”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Ein feste Burg*

Buxtehude

*The greens are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Randolph Watkins and
Virginia Whitely Watkins*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. James Lemler

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lectors: Melinda Davis, Beth Moore

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Judy Philpott

IWC Greeter: Bob Michie

Musicians: Parish Choir

Psalmist: Heather Jones

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Blake Singer (bsinger@doers.org) or Jane Dowrick (dowhitz52@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministers: Ellen Buoyer, Bennette Burks, Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Russell Lawson, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard, Blake Singer, and Chamie Valentine

Easter Lilies at St. James's

St. James's is filled with beautiful lilies on Easter. If you would like to contribute a lily as a memorial for or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Gina Young at gyoung@doers.org or Mary Brown at 804-355-1779 no later than **Wednesday, April 6** with the name(s) as you would like them to appear in the bulletin. Please send a check for \$25 (clearly marked for a lily) and the name of the honoree to St. James's Church, 1205 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220. Lilies will be delivered to the sick and home-bound after Easter services.

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Unseen Boatman is my setting of portions of a poem by our own Vienna Cobb Anderson. The music is inspired by images of water that appear in the poem. Vienna writes: “This prayer/poem is based on a photograph taken in Venice, Italy, of a gondola moving along the canal, coming into view from under the bridge where I was standing and about to go under the next bridge into the dark beyond. The passengers and the gondolier were invisible, only the empty seats are visible, waiting for occupants.”

Os justi is a setting of Psalm 37 by the Austrian composer Anton Bruckner (1824-1896). Though known mainly for his nine symphonies, he also wrote masses, motets and other sacred choral works.

Next Sunday, March 27, at 9 a.m.: Dylan Mass

Bob Dylan’s influence has been felt for over five decades. Born Robert Allen Zimmerman in 1941, Dylan changed his name in 1962. Of Jewish descent, he became a Christian in the late 70’s, releasing three albums with a Christian message.



According to an interview published in *The New York Times* in 1997, he now “subscribes to no organized religion,” but in a *60 Minutes* interview with Ed Bradley in 2004, he said “the only person you have to think twice about lying to is either yourself or to God,” and he explained his grueling touring schedule as part of a bargain he made with the “chief commander – in this earth and in the world we can’t see.” He may not subscribe to organized religion, but he seems clear about his relationship with God.

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