

Bless and guide the hearts and minds of the search committee, the vestry, and the parish, granting us the gifts of wisdom, discernment, listening, trust, and mutual regard that we might be led to a faithful priest who will care for your people and equip us for our collective journey, guiding us closer to you through liturgy and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Prayer Book 332

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem

“What Wondrous Love”

Geoff Weave

Offertory Hymn

“Lord, who through-out these forty days”

Hymnal 142

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book 333

Eucharistic Prayer I (Prayer I)

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

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

The Lord's Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book 337

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant:

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 337

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn [Stand as able.]

“Shepherd of souls”

Hymnal 343

The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneel as able.]

Prayer Book 339

Solemn Prayer over the People

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn [Stand as able.]

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Hymnal 344

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Scripture readings are from www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.

The Third Sunday in Lent

Mass ~ Rite I ~ Year C

March 22, 4:00 p.m. & March 23, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Silent Processional

[standing]

Opening Hymn

“Kind Maker of the world”

Hymnal 152

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Salutation

Prayer Book 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

Prayer Book 317

The Penitential Sentence (Hebrews 4:14,16)

Prayer Book 320

Confession of Sin

Prayer Book 320

Kyrie eleison

[Sung at 10:30 am, Music is in the pews.]

Prayer Book 324

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day [Kneel as able]

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson

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.*

The Psalm 63:1-8



- 1 *O 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.*
- 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.*

The 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.*

The Sequence Hymn

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Hymnal 692

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke 13:1-9

[Stand as able.]

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.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon *[seated]*

Fr. Ron Keel

The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]*

Prayer Book 326

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book 328

Let us say together the Collect for Grace and Guidance for St. John’s Rector Search.

Lord of abundant love, Creator of all that is good and provider of all our needs, who has always raised up prophets and priests to lead your people, foremost of all, Christ the Good Shepherd. You have enlivened and surprised your people by the Holy Spirit and know better than we do the needs of this parish.