



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:30 am • March 23, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

142. Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

KYRIE ELEISON

8:30 Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:30 S 91, Healey Willan

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

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.**

PSALM 63:1-8. *Deus, Deus meus*

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison. S 414*



- 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 it- / self; *
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 re- / joice.
- 8 My soul clings to / you; *
your right hand holds me / fast.

THE SECOND LESSON

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: 147. Now let us all with one accord

Bourbon

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Parker

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As we gather in prayer, let us breathe out those things which keep us from God, and breathe in that which brings us closer to the divine.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Guide the people of this land in the ways of justice and peace; that we may see the face of God in the other, lift up the lowly, and make your Kingdom a reality here.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

Comfort and heal all those in our community who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Cheryl, Eva, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Karen, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, and Shari. We pray also for those who are struggling to find work, who are fearful in this time of upheaval, and those who are under attack because of who they are or who they love.

Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours — including Anthony, Cameron, Camryn, Danielle, Edward, Evonne, Gemma, Geralyn, Grace, Jane, Jer, John, Kate, Keili, Lori, Mary Kay, Michael, Moira, Paul, Rosalie, Roy, Sam, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, and Tim — and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died — especially Montez Stetson, Debbie Holland, James Emmons, and Carl Bumgardner — that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**

Bless all those expecting a child — especially Hannah and David, Juliana and Jonathan, Corey and Michael, Catie and Steve, and Abby and Ty. We give thanks for the birth of Bailey, child of Laura and Michael and grandchild of Robin and Mike.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Christ, the Vine

Robert J. Powell

Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit. We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root. Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust. And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us. Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine. Help us, when we're overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine. You invite us to be partners, growing Spirit's fruit anew. Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!

To Fath - er, Son and Dove I will sing, I will sing,
 To God, who reigns a - bove, I will sing.
 For Christ— who, here be - low— did in the wil-der-ness go,
 to fast and pray; and so I will sing, I will sing.
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Wondrous Love

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114, Healey Willan

FRACTION ANTHEM:

8:30 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30 S 158, Healey Willan

THE COMMUNION HYMN: 574. Before thy throne, O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN: 344. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

*We are delighted to welcome guest organist Nicholas Welch,
and thank him for his playing in today's service.*



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

Wardens Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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Morghan Bosch and Hannah Harris (Co-registrars)









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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Ryan Parker
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Nicholas Welch, Guest Organist The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Viola Baldwin (8:30) Kyle West, Josh Booth, Scott Beaver (10:30)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) Harlan Haggge and George Douglas (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry and Morgan Smith
BANNER (10:30)	CJ Mahoney
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier
ALTAR GREENS	Emily Philips
LIVESTREAM (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Dave McKinnon
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