



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Third Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 10:30 am • March 8, 2026

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

Elegy

George Blake

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

435. At the Name of Jesus (*vss 1-4*)

King's Weston

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

KYRIE ELEISON

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

10:30 S 90, John Merbecke

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

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**
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 HOMILY (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 17:1-7

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?" and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

Venite, exultemus

We will recite the psalm responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

O Jesus, I have Promised

Angel's Story

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
 3. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 4. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.
 but Je - sus, draw thou near - er, and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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 a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you 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.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered

into their labor.”

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Caring and Loving Jesus, we offer our petitions to you during this Lenten season, that our spirits may know relief from stress and anguish. Help us to release our fears, our worries, our busy-ness so we can focus on you. Ease our tensions and replenish our bodies. Silence the voices of doubt so we can hear your words of truth. Remove the heaviness of our day so your love can pour out abundantly into our lives. Fill us with your peace, joy and love.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

God of the Wilderness and the Way, God of Egypt and the Promised Land, and God of the desert in between, here we are again on the Lenten Road. We trust we are not alone because you walk with us on this path. We long for your leadership, protection, provision, and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of our earth, your creation. Even as we are in the midst of the darkness of winter, we know Light will come again. Guide us to act in ways that preserve and keep our Earthly home as a holy place for all living things. Let the wilderness teach us, and refine us so that we can open our eyes to the world as you see it.

Hear us, Dear Lord, as we know only you can guide us and restore us.

Gracious and Welcoming God, we live in a world where relationships are increasingly complicated. Help us to remember that all people, regardless of circumstance, are created in your image. We all have inherent worth and blessings to share. Give us grace to create welcoming spaces for all. Help us to remember that we, too, are worthy of your love, for we are one of your precious creations.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know only you can guide us and restore us.

We pray for first responders, law enforcement officers, doctors, government workers, health professionals, active military, including Will and Peter who are deployed in this time of conflict, and all who seek to serve your people and that they take action with compassion for the good of your people.

We pray for gig and hourly workers who must work despite dangerous conditions. Give them focus and strength to meet the challenges of their work.

We pray for the youth and young people of our community who carry anxieties about their academic pressure, their safety, their future, and the many expectations placed upon them. In a world where the threat of violence feels close and perpetual, grant them your protection and peace. Surround them with caring adults and faithful friends in this community. Bless especially those who are undertaking the preparation for Confirmation, and fill them with your Holy Spirit as they claim your promises as their own.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

God of Steadfast Love, be with all who are troubled in any way in mind, body, and spirit. Help them to feel your presence and know that they are not alone in their time of need. In our church family, we pray especially for Alice, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Jim, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remy, Rick, Shari, Tom, Barry, Alison, Peggy, Bear, and Mary. And our family and friends, especially Andrea, Caline, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Laura Benton, Leeann, Lori, Moira, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, Barb, Lois, Tim, and Will.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Compassionate God, we pray for all loved ones who have died, especially Sarah Lou Kiser (sister of Peggy Wade), JoAnne Powers, and Susanne Brancati and Lisa Ward (sisters of Joe Ward). May light perpetual shine upon them and may they find eternal peace in your kingdom. Restore us all to wholeness through your Love.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Celebrant God of Truth and Mercy, give us strength to name what is broken; to confront injustice with unwavering love. Let our Lenten fasting be a fast from indifference so that our prayers rise not only in words, but in action, in solidarity and in love. Let us be Bearers of Hope, Sowers of Peace and Transformers of the World. Holy One, we trust in your promise that the wilderness of Lent leads to the Glory of Resurrection. In all things we give thanks to you and to your son Jesus.

Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

474. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Traditional English Hymn

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

380. Doxology (*vs 3 only*)

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114, Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

692. I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

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.**

**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

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.**

THE FINAL HYMN

347. Go forth for God

Litton

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on Litton

Christian Schoen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The art accompanying the Stations of the Cross has been graciously provided by the Inter-Latin American Artist Collective (ILAAC). They have selected art that reflects the immigrant experience in America in conversation with the Via Dolorosa, a path walked by Jesus Christ during his last days. You are invited to join us on Thursdays at noon to pray the stations or just reflect on the different pieces during our worship on Sunday mornings. The artists will join us for a reception on Easter where they will share a little about their art, their group, and also make some of their art available for sale for those who may be interested.

PRAYER TREE

Our Stand Up, Speak Out team is creating a prayer tree for our sanctuary this Lenten season. You may have noticed it this past Sunday. I invite you to write your own prayers, worries, and fears in this season of heightened anxiety and join them to our collective prayers for a better and calmer world, at home and abroad. There are pens and paper leaves in the sanctuary, and if you have a prayer you can't quite put into words, please join in and place a leaf on the tree anyway. God hears all our prayers, especially those we cannot say. We will collect these prayers through the Easter Vigil, when they will form part of that vigil liturgy and the lighting of the New Fire, symbolizing the rekindling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

Wardens Hannah Harris (Senior), Sam Wesonga (Junior), and
Jim Ingram (Junior)

Members Emily Jividen, Yvette Smith, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward,
Scott Beaver, Randy R. Smith

Officers Bill Sena (Treasurer), Susan Kelley (Registrar)





QUICK LINKS

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Ryan Parker
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Rene Garces, Josh Booth
(10:30)	Marcia Perry, Arjun Pant, Duff McAdams
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford, Harlan Hagge
Crucifer (10:30)	Logan Lee
Torches (10:30)	Reese Baker, Harper Belk
Banner (10:30)	Peyton Sanders
Children's Formation (10:30)	Gail Till, Sandra Booth
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
Altar Guild	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeri, Brian Fentress
Altar Flowers	Gail Till
Vestry Representative	Lillis Ward

Church of the Nativity

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CLERGY AND STAFF

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