

# *The Third Sunday in Lent*



Sunday, March 23, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.*

*One day every tongue will confess you are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose you now.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*His mercy endures for ever.*

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 confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

1. *Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Hear our cry and heal our land  
Let kindness lead us to repentance  
Bring us back again*
2. *Who is this God who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive  
You delight to show Your mercy*

**CHORUS:**  
*For Your name is great and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie Eleison  
Over all You reign You alone can save  
Kyrie Eleison*

*Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

**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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

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.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE SONG - **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

1. *Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your Love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.*
2. *Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring Hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*
3. *Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal Life.*

CHORUS:  
*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE

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*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.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our Bishops: Andy, Jeff, Kai, Héctor, and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Silence)*

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## ***THE HOLY COMMUNION***

### **THE OFFERTORY**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise him above ye heavenly host:***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Priest adds a proper preface)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*We fall down  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of  
Your mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus  
We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy  
We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy  
We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy  
Is the lamb*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

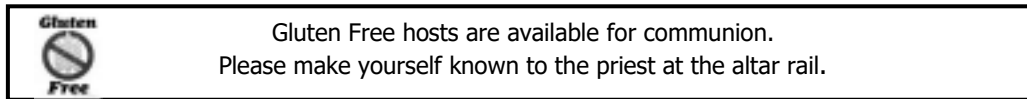
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now,  
And forever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Remember to omit the A word)**

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

These are 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.



**COMMUNION SONG 1 - Overwhelmed**

**1. I see the work of Your hands  
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance oh God  
All that You are is so overwhelming**

**2. And I hear the sound of Your voice  
All at once it's a gentle  
And thundering noise oh God  
All that You are is so overwhelming**

**3. I know the power of Your cross  
Forgiven and free forever You'll be my God  
All that You've done is so overwhelming**

**CHORUS 1:  
I delight myself in You  
Captivated by Your beauty  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You  
And God I run into Your arms  
Unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**CHORUS 2:  
I delight myself in You  
In the glory of Your presence  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You  
And God I run into Your arms  
Unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

**BRIDGE:  
You are beautiful You are beautiful  
Oh God there is no one more beautiful  
You are beautiful God You are the most beautiful  
You are wonderful You are wonderful  
Oh God there is no one more wonderful  
You are wonderful God You are the most wonderful  
You are glorious You are glorious  
Oh God there is no one more glorious  
You are glorious God You are the most glorious  
I'm overwhelmed I'm overwhelmed by You**

## COMMUNION SONG 2 - Step by Step

O God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise You (x2)

I will seek You in the morning  
I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

## CLOSING SONG - Mighty to Save

1. Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

CHORUS:

Savior - He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King - Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (Remember to omit the A word)

**Thanks be to God.**



**Calvary Worship Service Times**  
8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service  
10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service  
5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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