



**Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025, 10:00 AM**

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We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

WORD OF GOD

Prelude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded arr. Craig Courtney

Mike Mulder

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal # 401

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have *mercy*

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for the prayer "Lord, have mercy, have mercy." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens under the words "mer - cy" to indicate they span across two measures. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Salutation and 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.**

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

BCP 670

- 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.

New Testament Reading **A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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**.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

When Israel was in Egypt's land

LEVAS II # 228

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [13:1-9]

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.**'"

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mrs. Pam Pooley

Hymn

One bread, one body

LEVAS II # 151

Profession of Faith (South Indian), said together, standing

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of the People

Form II

BCP 385

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew, Allen and Mary our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for Donald our President; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: Pray for those who have died.

[People add their prayers or thanksgivings]

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Oscar Romero, *Archbishop and Martyr* (1980) and the Martyrs of El Salvador; Harriet Monsell, *Monastic* (1883); Charles Henry Brent, *Bishop* (1929); James Solomon Russell, *Priest* (1935); and John Keble, *Priest and Poet* (1866).

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially **Bennett, Jean H., Renee, Jackie A., Matilda, Sheryl and family, Ginny and Maar family, Walter and family, Wendy G., Caroline and family, Dylan and family, Eileen, Dorothy, Julia, Jeffrey, Neil and Cita, Marian H., Abu, Olivia and family, Michelle B., Celia, Karen L., Cindy B., Sue, Maureen, Marion, Lynn, Abdul and Mohammed, Maggie, Sue and Joe, those who have lost their jobs;** and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for **the resolution of conflicts around the world, all who suffer injustice and violence, effects of climate change, those suffering from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. Guide us to live with integrity and courage. For the leaders of all nations, let them know that with power and honor come responsibility and accountability. May those who govern do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.**

Reader: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and **mercy**. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon-in-training: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have **mercy** on you, forgive you all your 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.**

The Peace *All stand.*

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. [*Psalm 50:14*]

Offertory How Can I Keep From Singing arr. Craig Courtney

St. James Choir

Doxology

Hymnal # 380 Verse 3

**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.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in **works of mercy**, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy*

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, **in your mercy**, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, **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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 say,

**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.**

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the Fraction Anthem features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final cadence.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the Fraction Anthem continues the melody from the first line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The musical notation is consistent with the first line, maintaining the same key signature and time signature.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of the Fraction Anthem concludes the phrase. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The musical notation follows the same pattern as the previous lines, ending with a final cadence.



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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.

Communion Music

Come, ye disconsolate

LEVAS II #147

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant: 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.**

Lenten Solemn Prayer

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.**

Closing Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal # 344

Dismissal

Deacon-in-training: Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude by J.S. Bach

Mike Mulder



But Joseph said to [his brothers],
“Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
Even though you intended to do harm to me,
God intended it for good,
in order to preserve a numerous people,
as he is doing today.
So have no fear.”

[Genesis 50:19-21a]

Lenten Book to Read

If you would like to follow along during Lent and with the sermons, please read 3 pages a day of **Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love**, by Mariann Edgar Budde. Remember that Lent starts Wednesday, March 5, and goes to Saturday, April 19...40 days, not including Sundays.

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Charlie, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Gar, Lee, Zhane, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Adrienne A., Ritchie family, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Dick and Mabel S., Mary H., Betsy, Robert, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W.



Black Coffee and Prayer meets every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Village Hall.

- March 29:** **Art for Action** fundraiser – 5 pm
- March 30:** 4 Lent: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- April 6:** 5 Lent: Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- April 13:** **Palm Sunday:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
- April 17:** **Maundy Thursday** service, 7 pm, at Holy Communion, Mahopac
- April 18:** **Good Friday** service at 7 pm
- April 20:** **Easter:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am