



# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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**Gathering Music** (Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am)

**Hymn 439** “What wondrous love is this”

*Wondrous Love*

**Hymn** “Here I am, Lord”

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

**Welcome and Announcements**


The Word of God

Opening Acclamation


BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

St. Elizabeth

Collect of the Day

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The Lessons:

Exodus 3:1–15


reading NRSV, p. 49

After the reading, the children leave for Children’s Chapel.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1–9


NRSV, p. 952

After the piano introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.



Hon - or and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.

Verse



Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

All repeat the antiphon

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

  - DISCIPLES CLASS - Great Hall - Bishop Parsley -3 Rs of Lent: Repentance, Reconciliation & Resurrection
  - FAITH DISCUSSIONS - Bishop Wright Room - Mebane Boyd, “Safe, Capable, and Loved – From Children to Communities.”
- CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

  - PRESCHOOLERS - Preschool Classroom
  - ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Yoga Room - Break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!
  - 6th - 12th GRADERS - Youth Room - “Confirm not Conform”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

- MON.- FRI., MARCH 21-27**

  - MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM| Zoom

**MONDAY, MARCH 21**

  - LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00-6:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
  - FAITH AND WELLNESS  
6:30-7:30 PM| Graham Parlor or Zoom
  - FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM| Great Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

  - MEN’S AL ANON  
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
  - SACRED GROUND  
7:00-8:30 PM| Zoom
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

  - STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
  - BYOBible STUDY  
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
  - HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM| St. James Sanctuary
  - CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE  
5:45 PM| Children’s Chapel
  - CONFIRMATION CLASS  
6:00 PM| St. James

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

  - PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING  
6:00-7:15 PM | Lippitt Room
  - CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

  - SJDs CIRCUS  
11:30 AM | Perry Hall Gym
- SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

  - SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON  
7:45-9:45 AM| Bishop Wright Room

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

  - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
  - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
  - ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM  
9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
  - FAITH FORMATION  
10:00 AM | St. James Parish
  - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
  - YOUTH GROUP  
5:00 PM | Youth Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

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 Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1–9

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 Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Lucian Adams Hodges, Leila Brown Hodges,  
Narcissus Cummings Garner, and James Stephens Garner.

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: “Christ, the vine” Robert 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!
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Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Celebrant

People

The\_ Lord be\_ with you. And\_ al- so with you.

Celebrant

People

Lift\_ up your hearts. We lift\_ them to\_ the Lord.

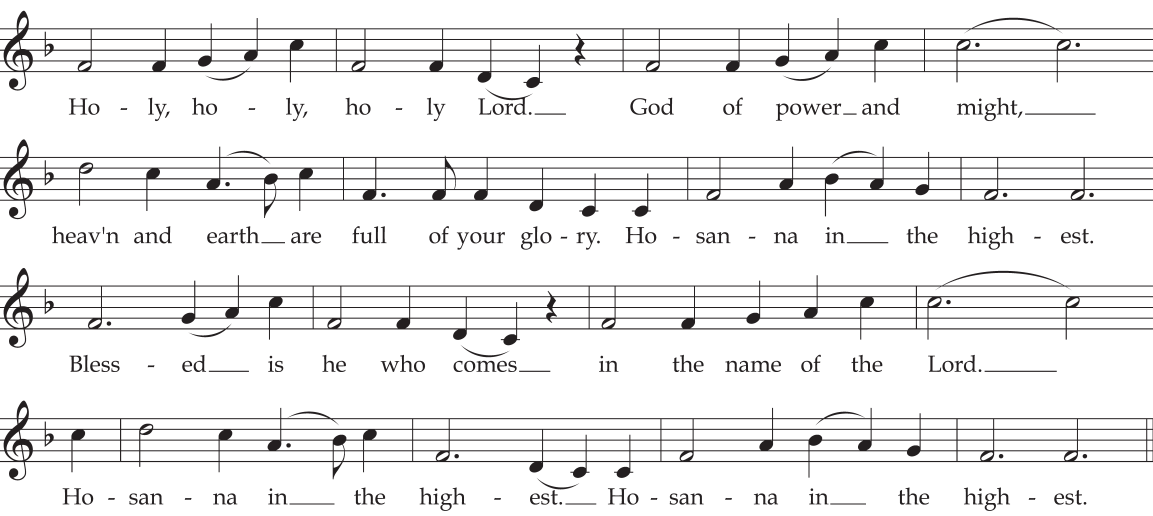
Celebrant

Let us give thanks\_ to the Lord our God.

People

It is right\_ to give him thanks and praise.\_

Sanctus WLP 858Land of Rest




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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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CantorChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us.



PeopleThere - fore let us keep the feast.

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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.**

Exodus 3:1–15

*Commentary:*  
*Although Moses was raised in Pharaoh’s palace, he never forgot his Hebrew roots. However, Moses’ early and misguided attempt to help his kinsmen resulted in forty years’ exile from the land of his birth (see Exodus 2:11-25). In this passage, the Angel of the Lord was clearly not a messenger, but God Himself. God explained to Moses that the cries of the people had been heard and God now intended to deliver them. During his years as a shepherd in Midian, Moses had become genuinely humble, which was evident from his conversation with God, and Moses doubted his own fitness and power to lead. Moses still needed to learn that success in God’s service does not depend on natural abilities but on trust in and obedience to the Lord, who is sovereign and unchanging, the God who had been and always will be, the God who equips those He calls to serve.*

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

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