



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 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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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 149 “Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church” Old 124th

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison *melody adapted by Johann Crueger*



Lord, — have mer - cy.



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

Collect of the Day

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The Lessons:

Exodus 3:1–15

NRSV, p. 49

Psalm 63:1–8

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all.)

Musical notation for the Antiphon: A single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The text "So shall I bless you as long as I live; my lips shall give you praise." is written below the staff.

Psalm chant:

Musical notation for the Psalm chant: A single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The text "So shall I bless you as long as I live; my lips shall give you praise." is written below the staff.

All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.

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**.

ANTIPHON

For your loving-kindness is better than life it-/**self**; *
my lips shall give you / **praise**.
So will I bless you as long as I / **live** *
and lift up my hands in your / **Name**.

ANTIPHON

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

NRSV, p. 1046

Sequence Hymn 148 “Creator of the earth and skies”

Uffingham

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1–9

NRSV, p. 952

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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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

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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 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 & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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Lucian Adams Hodges, Leila Brown Hodges,
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The Peace 360

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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The Collect

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 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.”

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Commentary:
Paul warned the Corinthian church of the dangers of idolatry and other sinful behaviors, using the example of Israel in the wilderness as a cautionary tale. Paul reminded his readers that their predecessors in faith were also under the protective care of God, but that did not keep them from sinning. The Israelites were dissatisfied with God’s provision and turned away from Him; Paul urged the Corinthians to guard against an ungrateful, complaining attitude toward God. Paul advised the Corinthians to remember the lessons of history, but he also reminded them that when faced with temptation to idolatry, ingratitude, or any other sin, God gives grace to deal with it. Our responsibility is to keep ourselves, as best we can, out of temptation’s path.

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