

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

The Word of God

Prelude: Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier BWV 731 (Dear Jesus, we are here)

J.S.Bach

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Hymn # 379

The Opening Acclamation

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

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please STAND, or kneel as able, with the People saying the words **in bold**,*

Like the Prodigal Jesus
We have wasted your love.

Like Nicodemus,
We have crept about in darkness.

Like James and John,
We have slept through others' sorrow.

Like Peter,
We have denied and betrayed you.

Like Pilate,
We have washed our hands of blame.

And yet, as with the woman at the well,
You give us drink in the heat of the day.

As with the man born blind,
You open our eyes.

As with Simon,
You teach us mercy.

As with the disciples,
You wash our feet.

As with the criminal hanging near you,
You promise us paradise.

As with Peter,
You restore us in your love.

Give us, now, Jesus,
**the gift of repentance, the grace of forgiveness,
and hearts made ready for Easter's joy.
Amen.**

Liturgy for the Whole Church, Susan K Bock

The Absolution

† 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.**

Celebrant: The Rev. Laurel Coote
Deacon: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Preacher/Gospeler: The Rev. Peter Huang

Please STAND as able, and join in singing three times.

Kyrie - Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

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The 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.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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."

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anglican chant is an treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church.

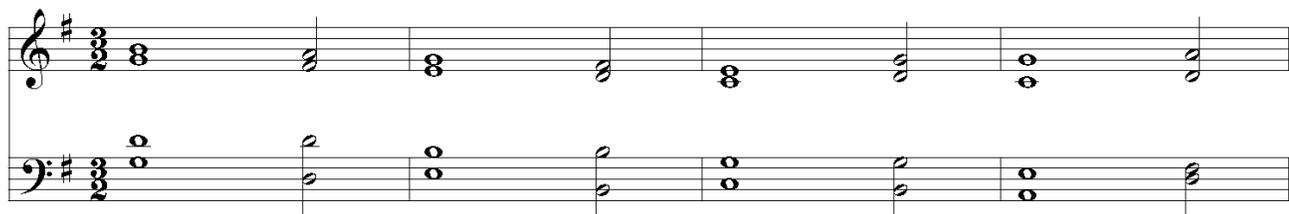
We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), which indicates to move to the next note.

Remaining seated, please sing (or read silently) along with us!

The Response

Psalm 63

Hal Hopson



O God, you are my Gód, I seek you eagerly;
My soul and body thirst for yóu in barren lands and dry.

Therefore I gazed on yóu within your holy pláce,
That I might look upon your pówer, the glory of your fáce.

Your love is more than lífe; my lips shall give you práise
I lift my hands up in your náme and bless you all my dáys.

My soul is well contént, my mouth shall give you práise
When I remember you at níght and ponder all your wáys.

Your wings have sheltered mé, my helper in the pást;
My soul, Lord, clings to you alóne, your right hand holds me fást.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

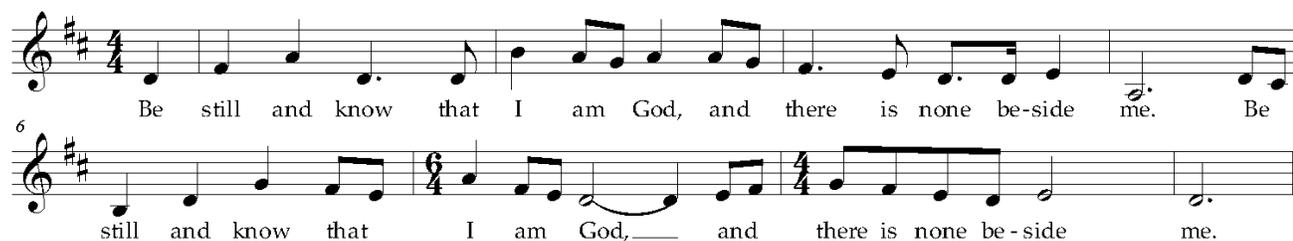
People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, for the reading of the Holy Gospel, and join in singing..

Gospel Procession

Be Still and Know

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† The Holy Gospel Luke 13:1-9
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing 'Be Still and Know' as the Gospel Procession returns.

Please be seated for

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Huang

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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

Please stand for,

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that we are made to connect, to you, to all members of our human family, and to your creation. Receive our prayers as we journey into this season of reflection and growth.

We pray for our church. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. Guide us along pathways of reconciling hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our nation. Help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. Guide us along pathways of eternal truths. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being, welcoming the stranger and refugee. Guide us along pathways of unity and hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the truth of love and the power of forgiveness. May we lead lives that are peaceful and just, balanced and joyful. Guide us along pathways of healing love. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen and protect them. Guide them along pathways of protection. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the afflicted, the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Anne Godfre (Sue Egan's sister), Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jack Lovrich, Marjorie Morris, Bob Pilmer, James and Reiko and Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*, and empower us to engage your healing presence. Guide us along pathways of health and wholeness. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, from the consequences of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods and other natural disasters and for those who grieve for them. Guide us along pathways of safety. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*. Guide us along pathways of eternal comfort and strength. God of mercy, **make us new.**

Celebrant Let us pray together

All God of our Lenten journey and beyond, you have made us to connect with you, with self, with others, with creation and with the world. May we embrace this Lenten theme through your renewing grace. Lead us, Gracious God, to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that we share in his Christ presence with all whom we meet. Help us prepare for a renewal in your risen life within us. We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children of the parish, and their families, gather at the altar to experience the mystery and joy of Communion up close, so their Sunday School learning may come alive in their experience.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

Come As You Are

Brent Helming

Come as you are, come and drink from the liv - ing wat - er that flowed from his hands,
 Come as you are, come and bathe in the heal - ing wat - er, cleans - ing from sin,
 flowed from his side. Draw near to him and he'll draw near to you.
 re-leas - ing new life
 He's been wait - ing for you to call on his name, so come, Come as you are.

Please continue STANDING, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.
They will become for us spiritual food.

People We bless God forever.

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People We Bless God forever.

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.
We thank you that they are with us, surrounding your table.

People We bless God forever.

Remain standing for

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

People We praise God together.

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink.
You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.**

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.
And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

Sanctus

God Is Here!

Carey Landry

God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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Please STAND or kneel, as you are able, or feel most comfortable. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

Families All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Families He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people.
And so with thanks we praise you.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.
"This is my body," he said.

People Do this, and know that I am with you.

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
"This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
We are glad to share that life and live in him.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.



† Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,
and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

Families Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.

Celebrant We worship you and say:

People We praise you.
We thank you.
We bless you.
Amen.

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

All 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.

Fraction Anthem

At the Table of Jesus

Carey Landry

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

At the ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God. At the
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The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

Communion Anthem

Like a River In My Soul

Osiek, ed Dan Forrest

I've got peace like a river in my soul. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Please kneel or STAND, as able

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer, fasting, and service may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May God give you power to grow in holiness this Lent. May you open your hearts and minds to an amazing mystery, you were made to connect with God, with self, with others, with creation and with the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Traditional

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, tho' none go with me, still I will
 5 Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low
 Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, no turn - ing back, _ no turn - ing back.
 fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, no turn - ing back, _ no turn - ing back.
 fol - low, tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, no turn - ing back, _ no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus? Will you de - cid - e now to fol - low Je - sus? No turn - ing back, _ no turn - ing back.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727 (I do desire dearly)

J.S. Bach

