

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 24, 2019
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

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Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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 Eleison

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of Exodus. (3: 1-15)

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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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63: 1-8

- 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.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *stand*
(13: 1-9)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told him 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.’”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams

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The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Lector: Our compassionate and yet all-powerful God has called us to repentance. May our prayers and our fasting assist us in coming before God with pure hearts and minds. Today is the acceptable time; let us pray, saying: Lord, have mercy.

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For all Christians, that embracing their Lenten discipline with joy, the cross of Christ may be their banner and the pledge of resurrection their hope, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those preparing for baptism, that their observance of the Lenten season strengthens their resolve to receive God's gift of new life, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our confirmands, that they find Lent a time of renewal and Easter a season of joy, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For all churches, that Lent be a time of repentance for sins against the unity of the body of Christ; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Wayne, our Bishop; for Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; and for the members of our parish staff, that they may follow Christ as they seek to serve in his name, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our parish concerns, especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Bravely, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, and the people in need whom they each seek to serve, that we remember the needs of others as we purify our own hearts and minds, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For this assembly, that as we celebrate our union with Christ in this holy meal we may not grow weary of proclaiming his saving death and resurrection to the whole world, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who suffer from illness of body, mind or spirit, especially Robert Barringer, Norma Blankenship, Chris Canepa, Ginger Cornelius, Mary Jones, Bryan Miller, Jere Pastore, Kathy Sheehan and Buzz Wall, that they may receive the consolation of knowing the love of their crucified Savior and its healing power, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who have died, especially Eve Ballman and Valier Phelps Stewart, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: O God, as you called the Israelites to repent of their sins, so now you call us to fasting and prayer, in repentance for wandering from you. Never let us lose our way, and guide us during our Lenten journey that we arrive at Easter morning, ready once more to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life, from despair to hope, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

The Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.

Announcements

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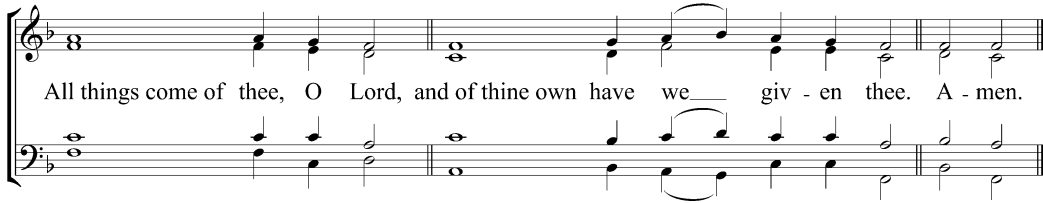
THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Presentation

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

Administration of the Sacrament

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Valier Phelps Stewart.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Ann Babington, Ann Randazzo

Ushers:

Penny and Philip George

Altar Guild:

Merrill Buettner, Connie Lohr, Cheryl Gelstein

DeWayne Trainer, Jan Craig

Counters:

Ann Randazzo, Tosca Schaberg

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Ginger Cornelius, Mary Jones and Bryan Miller.

For Family and Friends: Robert Barringer, Norma Blankenship, Chris Canepa, Jere Pastore, Kathy Sheehan and Buzz Wall.

For the Faithful Departed: Eve Ballman and Valier Phelps Stewart.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Bill Aitken, Donna Brookman, Bruce Carvell, Ed Dewein, The Drier Family, Carol Fisher, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Susan Kerkerling, Bill Lacey, Rick Ledbetter, Doug McNair, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Ruth Noakes, Scott Peterson, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Karmen Selby, Ray Sellenriek, Gerald Spencer, Jane St. John, Dan Singer, Martine Smith, Dick Williams and Justin Williamson.

TODAY...

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! If parents prefer, childcare is available in the Little Building, 9-11:45. These suggestions might enhance your child's experience in worship: consider sitting towards the front where it's easier for your little ones to engage; quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the clergy and musicians; sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by following you. If your child (or you!) needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft, where there is also a children's area with books and coloring sheets. Get the wiggles out, but please come back! As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me".

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. We will continue the conversation today on "Take Up your Cross: The relationship of Joy and Pain." Is it possible to experience joy in the midst of suffering? Where is God in the midst of pain and sadness? How do we reconcile faith and tragedy? This study leading us toward Easter will address some of life's most essential questions.

AN INTENTIONAL LENT – This year's Lenten formation resource – *It's time to . . . Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love* – is a multi-format offering from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastic community based in Massachusetts. Pick up the *It's time to . . .* booklet in the Undercroft this morning, sign up at www.ssje.org/time to receive the SSJE Brothers' daily Lenten email and video, and see where this Lenten journey of intention takes you.

TRINITY HOT LUNCH – If you would like to help cook and serve Trinity's Hot Lunch **today**, 1:15-3:00 p.m., contact Bill Gilbert at turkgobble@aol.com or 314-283-5288. High school teens are welcome with their parents.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program on the Starkloff Disability Institute. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

SPRING CLEAN-UP – Will you help us beautify our church in time for Holy Week and Easter? Join us this Saturday, March 30th, 9-11:00 a.m. for some outdoor grounds keeping or indoor cleaning in the sanctuary. Coffee and donuts will be served. Remember to bring your outdoor work gloves or indoor rubber gloves, and we'll supply the rest.

ST. JOHN'S PEACE MEAL – If you would like to cook and/or serve dinner for St. John's Peace Meal at St. John's Tower Grove **this Saturday**, March 30th, contact Bill Gilbert, turkgobble@aol.com or 314-283-5288. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES – How can we live lives of hope instead of fear, or joy instead of despair? Join the clergy to continue the discussion on the book *The Hopeful Heart* by John Claypool at **Noon in the Undercroft on Wednesdays, April 3rd and 10th**. (Note we will not meet this week, on March 27th.) Please RSVP to the Church Office. The book is available in the Undercroft and from the Church Office.

SANDWICH MAKERS – Join us next Sunday, March 31st at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft kitchen to make sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

BOOK GROUP – Join us on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:15 p.m. in the Elliot Room for a discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

ST. PETER'S GRIEF GROUP – Finding Hope in the Midst of Grief – If you find yourself in the wilderness that surrounds us when we lose someone we love, St. Peter's Grief Group might be of help to you. This spring's Grief Group will meet Thursday afternoons, April 4th-May 23rd. (Time to be determined.) Each participant's consistent attendance is key to the work of the group. To learn more, contact Kelly Carlson **by March 29th**, 314-993-2306, ext. 107 or kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – Would you like to become an Episcopalian??? The Confirmation series for adults will be April 7, 14, 28 and May 5 during the Rector’s Forum at 9:15 a.m. The Confirmation service with Bishop Smith will be May 19 at 10:30. This four-week course is open to everyone, but is the opportunity to learn about the Episcopal Church and to prepare to be received, confirmed, or to reaffirm your faith. To register, email the rector at lukej@stpetersepiscopal.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP – The deadline for registration for San Diego is April 3rd. Register on our website under the “giving” tab by clicking on “online giving and payments” and completing information for the “Mission Trip Deposit”. The Mission Trip is open to current 8th-12th graders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – “The Way of Love: Jesus’ Disciples” is the Vacation Bible School theme this summer, June 3 – 7, 9:00 am to Noon. To sign up your VBS Camper (age 4 to 10) for a memorable week of VBS fun and learning, register online at stpetersepiscopal.org/vbs2019 or contact Ann Babington at annbabington@gmail.com.

MISSION STAY – Attention, Jr. High students! Set aside June 25-28. We will spend each morning engaged in mission outreach to our community here in St. Louis, and in the afternoons we will be just chilling at Sky Zone, Escape Room, and other fun places. Mission Stay is open to current 5th – 7th graders.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24 - 31, 2019

Sunday	3/24		The Third Sunday in Lent
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		1:15 p.m.	Trinity Hot Lunch
Tuesday	3/26	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		4:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wednesday	3/27	5:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	3/28	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	3/29	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Saturday	3/30	9-11:00 a.m.	Spring Clean-Up
		2:00 p.m.	St. John’s Peace Meal
Sunday	3/31		The Fourth Sunday in Lent
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

Easter Flowers

It is time to order flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. We hope that you will contribute **\$50.00** to the general cost of Easter flowers. You may order and make your donation through the parish website (www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give/ and click on Online Giving and Payments), or you may place your order by completing this form and submitting it to the Church Office with your check, marked for “Easter Flowers”. The address, if you choose to return it by mail, is: 110 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

If you wish to have your acknowledgement appear in the Easter service booklet, all orders must be placed **by Monday, April 1st**. Easter Flowers donations received after that deadline are appreciated, and will still be designated for the flowers, but the acknowledgement will not meet the Easter booklet print deadline.

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