

The 3rd Sunday of

*Lent*

March 20, 2022

## **We Gather for Worship**

**Opening Hymn: #372**

***Praise to the living God!***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

**Opening Sentences**

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*Officiant:* Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
*Mark 8:34*

**Confession**

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*Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Invitatory**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant & People:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7**

*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God, \*

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### **Antiphon for Lent**

*BCP Page 80-81*

*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15**

*Please be seated.*

*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."

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 63:1-8

*Reader:* O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;\*

*People:* **my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

*Reader:* Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

*People:* **that I might behold your power and your glory.**

*Reader:* For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;\*

*People:* **my lips shall give you praise.**

*Reader:* So will I bless you as long as I live\*

*People:* **and lift up my hands in your Name.**

*Reader:* My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

*People:* **and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

*Reader:* When I remember you upon my bed, \*

*People:* **and meditate on you in the night watches.**

*Reader:* For you have been my helper, \*

*People:* **and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

*Reader:* My soul clings to you;\*

*People:* **your right hand holds me fast.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Reader:* A reading from the first Letter of Paul 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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: #142    *Lord, who throughout these forty days*    *Please stand & sing as you are able.***

## Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

*Please remain standing.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.'"

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Homily:** Pam Lipscomb

*Please be seated.*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **We Pray**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant & People:* **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.**

#### **Suffrages: Set A**

*BCP Page 97-98; Please be seated.*

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* 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.**

### Collect for Sundays

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*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for Peace

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*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Ukraine 1

*Archbishops of Canterbury Justin Welby & Stephen Cottrell*

*Officiant:* God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

### Collect for Mission 2

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*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. David's, Oklahoma City; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Montevideo, Uruguay; Diocese of Central Pennsylvania; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* We pray for...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Alyssa, Ami, Bill, Bill N., Cheryl R., Dennis C., Dennis C. Jr., Emma, James & Shirley, Jessica, John G., John & Sharon, Kenneth, Kenyon, Kim, Mike & Betty, Pat & Joe, Priscilla, Quinn & Nancy, Rogers Family, Ronna, Ronnie, Sakina, Sarah, Troy, Eliso, Vitality & Natalia, Finley, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, *(especially...)*

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

*People:* **John, Renee, Myangel, Ched, Ron, and Laura.**

*Reader:* Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## **Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers**

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## **For a Birthday**

*BCP Page 830*

*Officiant:* Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory

*Please remain seated.*

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn: #343

***Shepherd of souls refresh and bless***

*Please remain seated.*

## Doxology: #380

*Please stand and sing as you are able.*

## We Go Out Into the World

## General Thanksgiving

*BCP Page 101*

*Officiant & People:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*BCP Page 102*

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## Sending

*BCP Page 102*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
*Romans 15:13*

## Closing Hymn: #344

***Lord dismiss us with thy blessing***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## Dismissal

*BCP Page 366*

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

It's never too early! Order your Easter Lilies today!

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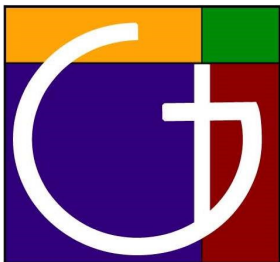
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