

**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 AM • March 23, 2025

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Zième Fantaisie*

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn 147:** *Now Let Us All with One Accord*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence* *Please stand or kneel*

**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.**

*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.**

**Kyrie S-90:** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

**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.**

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

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**



O God, you are my God; ea - ger - ly I seek you.

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.

**All Sing Refrain**

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

**All Sing Refrain**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

**All Sing Refrain**

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**All Sing Refrain**

**The Second Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

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.**

**Sequence Hymn 574:** *Before Thy Throne*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**The 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.'"

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel*

Faithful God, you blessed us with your Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and mercy. We gather the needs of ourselves and others, and offer them to you in faith and love, seeking to be strengthened to meet them. *A brief silence* O God our Maker, we give you thanks for the gift of your good creation which nourishes, sustains, and delights us. Teach us to care for the earth, the sea, the sky, and all living things with love and reverence.

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of peace and justice, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain, trauma, violence, and fear which prevails in the Holy Land, particularly in Gaza. We pray for the children, the wounded, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray for the hostages and their safe return. Transform the hearts and minds of those engaged in this conflict and show them a path towards reconciliation and peace. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We ask you to comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including those on our prayer list and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Surround them with your loving presence and restore them to wholeness and health. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we remember all those who are dear to us. *Silence* Keep them close to our hearts and ever mindful of their needs. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers for all who have died, remembering especially Dolores and Tony Friauff, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to them eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We thank you, God, for all that you reveal to us: for the breath and delight in learning, for flashes of insight and leaps of imagination, for the moments your holiness breaks in to us, for the friendships and love that sustain us, for the passion to change and build up the world, for the way in which all things are connected, and for the lightness of joy in which you visit us. In you the night and the day are made whole. In you beginnings and endings touch. In you the universe holds together. In you all things are made new. From you all blessings spring. **To you we offer our thanks and praise. Amen.**

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Offertory Anthem: Help Us, O Lord (Four Anthems)** Aaron Copland (1900–1990)  
The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir

*Help us O Lord. For with Thee is the fount of life. In Thy light shall we see light. Let us march and try our ways. Turn to God. For with Thee is the fount of life. In Thy light shall we see light. It is good that man should wait. It is good that man should hope for the salvation of the Lord. Help us O Lord.*

**Children’s Entrance Hymn 152: Kind Maker of the World**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Enriching Our Worship 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. **From before time you made ready the creation.**

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. **You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.**

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. **Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus S-113: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. **Living among us, Jesus loved us.**

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. **He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, as we remember Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, **We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

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Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem S-157: O Lamb of God**

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem: Toccata per l’Elevatione (Messa degli Apostoli)**  
Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583–1643)  
Oliver Steissberg, Organ

**Communion Hymn 309: O Food to Pilgrims**

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 344: Lord Dismiss Us**

*The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.*

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude: Prelude in a minor, BWV 543** Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)