



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

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Vision & Mission

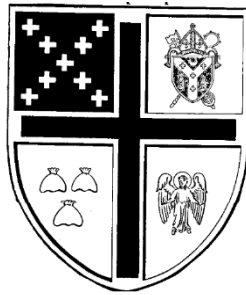
Vision

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through
God's forgiving love.

Mission

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness
To strengthen and encourage each other
To advocate for and empower those in need, and
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



Third Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, March 3, 2024

PRELUDE *Creator of the Earth and Skies*

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN

Down at the Cross

LEVAS 28

Words, Elisha A. Hoffman; Music, John H. Stockton

1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans-ing from
2. I am so won-drous-ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet-ly a -
3. O, pre-cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet; Cast your poor soul at the

1. sin I cried; There to my heart was the blood ap - plied;
2. bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in;
3. en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean;
4. Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day, and be made com - plete;

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Glo - ry to His name. Glo-ry to His name.____ Glo-ry to His name!____

There to my heart was the blood ap-plied; Glo - ry to His name.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

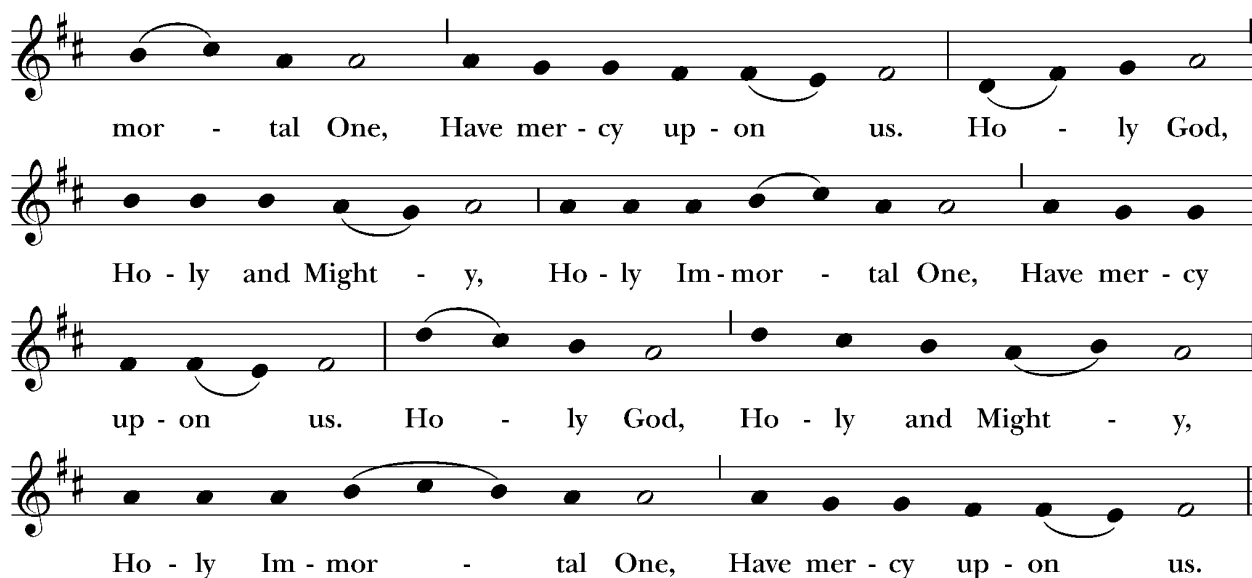
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TRISAGION

S 100

Setting from David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -



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.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words [to Moses on Mount Sinai]:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is

in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

The People respond by half verse

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this
age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided,
through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the
called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is
stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

TRACT

3 LENT B



VERSE (Amos 5:14)

*Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;**
and the God of hosts / will be with you.

TRACT (Psalm 42:1-7)

- 1 As the deer longs for the wá-ter-brooks,*
so longs my soul / for yóu, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the lív-ing God;*
when shall I come to appear before the
pres - / ence óf God?
- 3 My tears have been my food dáy and night,*
while all day long they say to me,
"Where / now ís your God?"
- † 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these thínks:*
how I went with the multitude and led them
into / the hóuse of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thánks-gív-ing,*
among those who / keep hó-ly-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, Ó my soul?*
- and why are you so disquieted / with-ín me?
- 7 Put your trúst in God;*
for I will yet give thanks to him
who is the help of my counte - / nance, ańd my God.

†If vv. 1-3 are omitted, the first two words of
v. 4 become the intonation - *I pour* ... BCP, p. 643

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

THE SERMON FR. JEFF HURST

THE 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

All sit.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diane, and all bishops,
priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President Joseph, our Governor Michael, and all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

For those who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested and those whose names are on our parish intercession list, and those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned by this congregation.

We remember our police force, first responders, medical personnel and educators.
That they would be effective in all their labors and service for our community

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries, *especially Carlos & Tish Arroyo.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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. *Amen.*

PARISH PRAYER

In unison

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

As longs the deer for cooling streams

H 658

Words, Ray Palmer; Music, Lowell Mason

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who
God whom we a - dore, the be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow **H 380**

Vs. 3

Words, Issac Watts; music, Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - every land, by ev - every tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Priest : All things come of thee O Lord

People : And of thine own we have given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

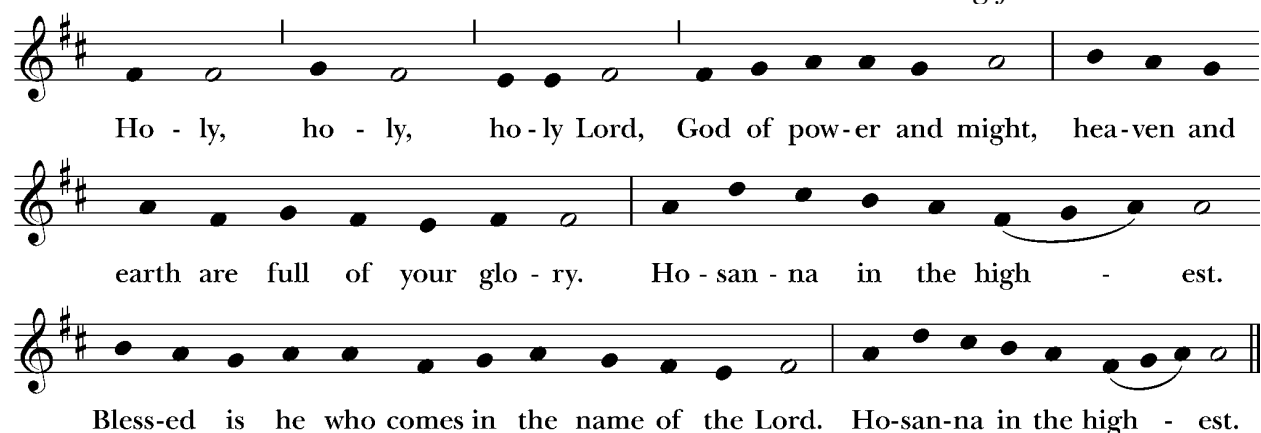
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

S 124

Setting from David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

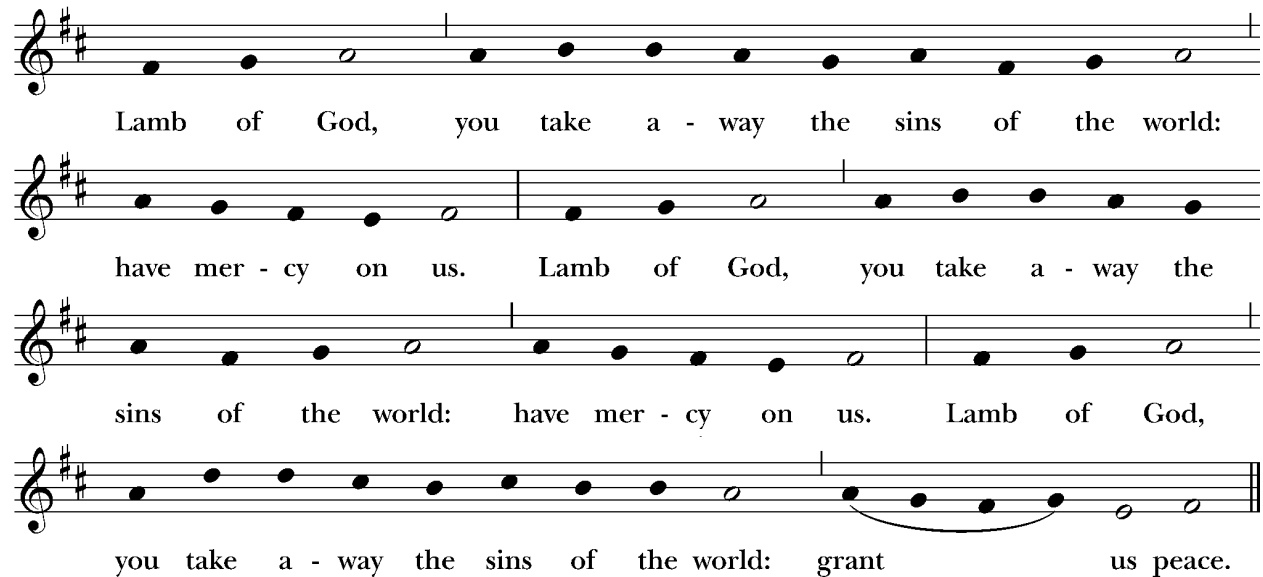
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

S-161

Setting from David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

HUMBLE ACCESS

In unison

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts
by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

Communion for those streaming.

The bread of heaven. The cup of salvation.

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARY

In Times Like These, You Need a Savior

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
 you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Rock of ages, cleft for me

H 685

Words, Augustus Montague Toplady; Music, Thomas Hastings

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

Third Sunday in Lent This Week		
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
		DOK Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Mar.	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
10th		

Everyone Welcome! If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up. If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com

Don't forget time change next Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.