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The Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 351

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 63:1-8 may be found on page 670 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, may be found on page 361 of the BCP



Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß*

J.S. Bach

Entrance Hymn 475 *Hymnal* 1982

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A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 351

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

Confession

BCP, page 352

Absolution

BCP, page 353

Please stand

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

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 218

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

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

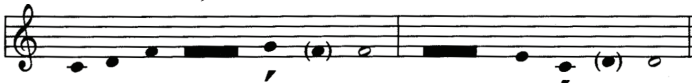
his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that 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 *Deus, Deus meus*

Tone II



Cantor O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
ALL 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.

Second Reading

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.**

Please stand and join in singing the hymn

Hymn 648 *Hymnal 1982*

GO DOWN, MOSES

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Deacon 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.’ ”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

Leader ...God, in your mercy,

People **Renew us.**

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with an upright heart
before thee, this day and evermore. Amen.*

—*Christian Prayers, 1588*

Please stand

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP, page 361

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Sanctus
 Lord's Prayer
 Breaking the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S 124
BCP, page 364
Martens



Cantor Praise the Lord, all you nations;
 laud him all you peoples.
 For his loving kindness toward us is great,
 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. REFRAIN

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
 All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Communion Anthem

The Lord's Prayer, setting by Maurice Duruflé

<i>Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,</i>	<i>Pardonne-nous nos offenses</i>
<i>Que ton nom soit sanctifié,</i>	<i>Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux</i>
<i>Que ton règne vienne,</i>	<i>qui nous ont offensés.</i>
<i>Que ta volonté soit faite</i>	<i>Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,</i>
<i>sur la terre comme au ciel.</i>	<i>mais délivre-nous du mal,</i>
<i>Donne-nous aujourd'hui</i>	<i>car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,</i>
<i>notre pain de ce jour.</i>	<i>la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles.</i>

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have fed us here on earth with the bread of heaven
and given us a pledge of joys that surpass our understanding:
Grant that we who have received these holy mysteries
may show forth your praise in virtuous and godly living

**and by your grace may attain to your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn

HYMN 150

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

Presider Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Procession and leave quietly after the ministers depart the Nave

SILENT PROCESSION

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

Join us from 9-9:45 in the Acolyte Room (upstairs in the main church) on Sundays for a challenging, enriching, in-depth study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to Jonathan Lace (jdlace@icloud.com) for more information.

CARE & CONNECT

Prayer Circle for Healing and Thanksgiving: We come together as a group on the second and fourth Sundays after the 10 am service to lift our prayers for healing and thanksgiving. We meet in the lovely, quiet space of All Saints' Chapel—feel free to use the side door to the porch and cut through the Nursery School and Parish Office. If you are unable to come, but have someone who needs our prayers, feel free to reach out to me, and we'll make sure they are mentioned.

Cross Roads Retreat—If you are in need of a mental health day, please join me at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center in Port Murray for *Wednesdays Away*. The *April 2 session, Lenten Lost and Found*, examines Psalm 32, "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away!" Time is 9 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all. For more information: www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away or reach out to me. —*Dana Leach* (leach@stpetersef.org, cell 201-694-6543).

THANKS TO OUR YOUTH MINISTERS

Thanks to last Sunday's ministers at the Family Eucharist who served as acolytes, oblationers, readers, and ushers: Eva, Aubrey, Josie, Kat, Andrew, and Penelope.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a coffee hour host! Coffee hour is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Reach out to Mary Shearin (973-590-1678 or shearchaos38@gmail.com) to let us know the date you prefer. **March 23: Sarah Latson**

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Wayne Hill, Mike, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Julie Lanning, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Please mark "Flowers" or "Music" in the memo line of your check, and let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. The names may be sent to the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org) or placed in the alms basin. Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, April 14.

Name _____

Circle one: Flowers Music Both

In memory of/in thanksgiving for _____

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Mosher, Nancy Connor, Annetta Benedict
<i>Ushers</i>	Jim Irwin, Chris Shearin
<i>Acolytes</i>	Joseph Wohltmann
<i>Readers</i>	Mary Shearin, Christine DiGiovanni
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Shearin
<i>Cantors</i>	Kevin Johnson, Giulia Utz
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

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