

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**23 March 2025 9:00 am**

***Hymn # 648***

***When Israel was in Egypt's land***

Opening Acclamation  
***Kyrie S95***

BCP 355

**The Collect of the Day:**

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 Word of God**

**The Old Testament: 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People    *Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 63:1-8**

### ***Deus, Deus meus***

- 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.

### **The Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People    *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn #142***

***Lord, who throughout these forty days***

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People     Form III

BCP 387

### **Discernment Prayer (NEW):**

*Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new*

*opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

*Offertory Anthem*

*Organist and Choir*

*Doxology*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving  
Sanctus

EP “A”

BCP 361  
S 128

The Lord’s Prayer  
*Agnus Dei S 161*

BCP 364

Communion of the People

*Hymn 332*

*O God, unseen yet ever near*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

*Hymn #344*

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979  
Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982  
Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter* 2004

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time  
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **Prayers for a New Priest**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### **Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Randy Maurer.

### **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Carol Adams, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Jim Russell, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt.

### **Altar Flowers**

There are no Flowers placed on the altar during Lent. You can purchase a 7 Day Votive Candle which will burn in the Lady Chapel. Cost for a candle is \$7.00.

### **Ham Loaf**

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to prep the Ham Loafs on Saturday. Also, a “Special Thank You” to the many who donated items needed for the Ham Loafs and those who gave monetary donations.

### **Readers and Greeters — March-April 2025**

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

#### **Sunday Readers**

March 23rd	Pam Hysong & Tina Grata
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert
April 6th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Colleen Curry
April 13th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
April 20 <sup>th</sup> (Easter)	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell-Loncella
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie

#### **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

March 23rd	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
April 6th	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
April 13th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
April 20 <sup>th</sup> (Easter)	Amy & Penn Whitlow
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata

## **The Third Sunday In Lent**

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Kathryn LaLond,  
the Rev. Thomas Prichard, the Rev. Dr. Julia Smith,  
and the Rev. Charles Fischer.

### No Flowers on the Altar During Lent

### **Next Week's Readings**

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

15:1-3; 11b-32

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service.***