



March 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

10:15 AM

All children and youth are welcome, unconditionally. They are welcome to gather at our *PrayGround* at the front-left of the Nave. Materials for art and play are waiting there. During the sermon, children pre-K through fifth grade move to the Chapel, where we explore the gospel reading for the day. (We return in time for Communion.)

The VOLUNTARY *Spiegel im Spiegel*

Arvo Pärt (b 1935)

All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

HYMN 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

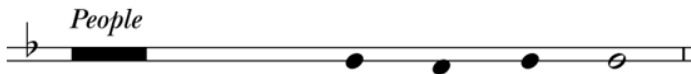
ST PETERSBURG

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

All remain standing



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.



God's mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

The SENTENCE of SCRIPTURE

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16.*

The CONFESSIO*N of* SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may remain standing or kneel, as they prefer and are able

Silence is kept for personal confession

All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves,
 and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant alone 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.*

All stand, as they are able

The KYRIE ELEISON *Missa in simplicitate*
Sung by the Choir

Jean Langlais (1907 – 1991)

The COLLECT of the DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The 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 Mount 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 spacious land, to 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. Now go, I am sending 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 serve 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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The PSALTER

Psalm 63:1-8

Sung by all



- 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.

* The word “Lord” when spelled with capital letters stands for the divine name, *YHWH*, which is here connected with the Hebrew verb *HAYAH*, meaning “to be.”

- 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 up/on 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* SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be ignorant, 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 engage 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.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*
People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as they are able

HYMN 439 *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!*

WONDROUS LOVE

The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant 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 other people 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 man working the vineyard, ‘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.’”

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

The SERMON

The Rev Douglas Worthington, *Rector*

Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept

The remainder of today's liturgy, beginning with the Nicene Creed, will be found in the seasonal booklet (with the violet cover) distributed with this insert.

☞ AT THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory *Go down, Moses*

Adolphus Hailstork (b 1941)

Let them go, let them go, let my people
go!
When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Go down, Moses, way down in
Egypt's land;
Tell ol' Pharaoh, let my people go.
Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead,
Oh, Go down, Moses, way down in
Egypt's land;
Tell ol' Pharaoh let my people go!

No more shall they in bondage toil,
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,
Oh yes! Let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,
To lead the children of Israel through,
When they had reached the other shore,
They sang a song of triumph o'er,
So let me people go!

Go down, Moses, go down.
Way down, Pharaoh don't cha hear me?
Let them go, let them go, I say let my
people go!

(Text: Traditional Spiritual)

At the Communion *Man that is born of a woman*

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

Man that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of
misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a
shadow, and never continueth in one stay.
(Text: 1662 Book of Common Prayer)

☞ AT THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN 386 *We sing of God, the mighty source of all things*

CORNWALL

The VOLUNTARY *An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653*

J S Bach (1685 – 1750)

Today, in our Diocese's cycle of prayer, we pray for
the clergy and people of Good Shepherd, Hemet;
and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for
9th Communication Battalion, Camp Pendleton.
In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for
the Anglican Church in Central America.

CELEBRANT
The Rev Douglas Worthington

VERGER
Jack Northam

CRUCIFER
Todd McCracken

CHALICISTS & TORCHBEARERS
Amelia Simon *and* John Simon

LECTORS
Mark Carroll *and* Lanita Carroll

INTERCESSOR
John Carroll

USHERS
Mary Brown *and* Donn Griffitts

ALTAR GUILD
Nicki Sharpe

TELLERS
Kevin Page *and* Mary Brown

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 9 services. In-person attendance: 316 people.
Online participation: 64 views.