

Sunday, March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM RITE II



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE OPENING HYMN **HYMNAL 150**
Forty Days and forty nights

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION **BCP 355**
Please stand, as you are able.

THE KYRIE **HYMNAL S-90**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
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**

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 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.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE **PSALM 63:1-8**
Together

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
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN **HYMNAL 676**
There Is a Balm in Gilead

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

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Pastor Kendra Wilke

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, vestries, and congregations. Guide prospective candidates for our Dean as they discern Your call.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth and give thanks for the work of those who steward the earth--especially through the National Parks Service. Be with them as they prepare for their busy season.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for our nation in a time of political, economic, and social upheaval. Help us to heed the prayer of St. Francis: make us instruments of your peace Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith' where there

is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through severe weather across the South and Midwest of this country and human conflict across the world especially those in Myanmar; Palestine, Israel, Lebanon; Russia and Ukraine; Syria; Ethiopia; Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Nigeria. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless Family Promise and the Comfort Food Challenge.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. ***Amen***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Together

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the

Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to “Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ.” Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS **BCP 830**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY HYMN **HYMNAL 396**
Now Thank We All Our God

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

THE SANCTUS **HYMNAL S-113**

THE CONSECRATION **BCP 362**
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD’S PRAYER **BCP 364**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP 364**

AGNUS DEI **HYMNAL S-157**

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
for those attending remotely

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse 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**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 Hymnal 325
Let Us Break Bread Together

#2 Hymnal 334
Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

#3 Gather Hymnal 344
Lord, dismiss us with thy Blessing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP 365**

THE BLESSING **BCP 366**

THE CLOSING HYMN **HYMNAL 685**
Rock of Ages

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 366**
Please stand, as you are able.

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