

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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Silence in Lent

Good morning. As we continue through the five Sundays of Lent to Holy Week, we invite silence in church as we gather. Keeping silence signals both an intentional withdrawal from the racket and churn of the wider world and willingness to open space for prayers — our own and those of congregants sitting near us. Please help us build and maintain silence by refraining from conversation before the liturgy begins with the ringing of the bell.

The Word of God

The Prelude

Kyrie, God our Father Evermore

J.S.Bach

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

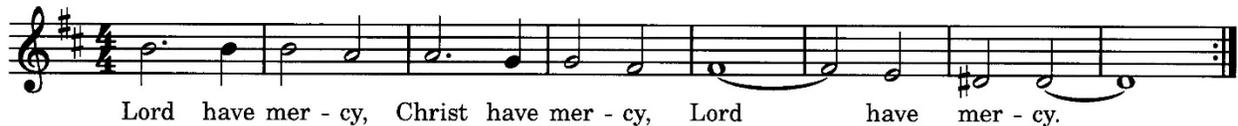
The Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

The Kyrie (*sung 3 times*)

John Bell



Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

You may remain standing or choose to sit or kneel as you are able for the confession.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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 Collect of the Day

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 (*Prayed responsively, by half verse.*)

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
 as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
 when they tempted me.**
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
**“This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not know my ways.”**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:1-11)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn VF 24 When, like the woman at the well

Wayne

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
 2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
 3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
 4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
 5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, _____ Christ came to me, good
 gave me hope, not fear. _____ The God I once thought
 wor - ship God a - right, _____ could trust the power the
 once a - gain re - ceive _____ the liv - ing wa - ter
 free, for - giv - en, whole, _____ I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. _____
 far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. _____
 Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. _____
 of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. _____
 are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. _____

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

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

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the

place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Nicene 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Eternal God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: St. Christopher's Church, Chatham; St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown; St. Peter's Church, Osterville; and the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Iran, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, Nigeria, Venezuela, Sudan, South Sudan and Haiti. We pray for those in every land who suffer for the sake of conscience.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Dick Anderson, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Sally Drew, Joanne Gamble, Bill and Judy Gardiner, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Matthew, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, and Pat, as well as for those we name before you now, silently or aloud.
(Pause)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn and those we name before you now, silently or aloud. (Pause)

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause).

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

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

The Greeting and Announcements

Prayers of Welcome and Renewal

Unchanging God, lover of all humankind and giver of all that is good: hear our prayers for your servant Nancy, who you have called to ministry with us. Strengthen her, O God, by your Holy Spirit, and fill her with love for your people, that as a faithful priest and follower with us of Jesus, she may preach your word, minister your sacraments, guide and pastor to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

God and creator of all, we thank you for the joy of being called together to worship and serve through the fellowship of your church. Help us never to grow weary in well-doing; strengthen and renew the hope that is in us, so that we may show forth your love and your peace to all we encounter and in all we undertake. We ask this for your name's sake. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

My Song in the Night

Sacred Harp tune Expression,
arr. Claude Bass

O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
come to me with thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call; my comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander an alien from thee,
or cry in the desert thy face to see.
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.
As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for the living God.
My tears flow day and night, but in the night his song shall be with me.
and I will praise him; I will hope and trust in the Lord.
O Jesus, my Savor, my song in the night,
come to me with thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call; my comfort by day and my song in the night.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 143

Erbalt uns, Herr

O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery
prayer ad - dressed, who art in three-fold Name a - dored, from
age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (Sung in canon; congregation sings with choir.)

John Bell

(cantor)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
Bless - ed is the one who comes _____

God of pow'r and might,
in the name of the Lord!

hea - ven and earth are full, _____
Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____

are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est! In the high - est!

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Lord of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen God, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

John Bell

(cantor)
1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the

(all)
[on us.] peace. 1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the

world, world, have___mer - cy on us.
grant___us your peace.

sin of the world, have___mer - cy
sin of the world, grant___us your

(v.3 only)
Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

(v.3 only)
peace. Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.

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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the person serving you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

Hymn 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

The Sending (*when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits*)

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's
body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Patrick C. Ward
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Joan Kirchner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Donna Bailey, Dianne Fromm
<i>Readers</i>	John Harter, Nancy Boccia, Celia Calhoun
<i>Usbers</i>	Mary Hammatt, Karen Gardner, Phil Suraci
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jean Gatzkiewicz
<i>Audio/Video</i>	Nancy Boccia

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