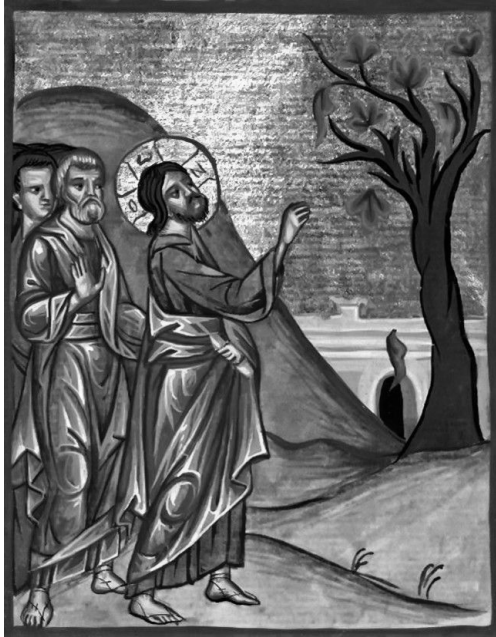


# The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist – Rite Two – Year C

March 23, 2025



St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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*The Sanctuary Candle is given by Amy & Jim Gardner  
in celebration of the birthdays of Katie Rasberry and Will Gardner.*

# Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

## Prelude

*The Rector, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today, It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a "Family" type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.*

## Processional Hymn All Stand

"Praise To The Living God"

Hymnal 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People* His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**Kyrie** (Lord, Have Mercy)

**Insert**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## **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.**

## **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 63:1-8**     *Deus, Deus meus*

*Please read responsively by whole verse*

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \***  
**that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- <sup>3</sup> For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live \***  
**and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- <sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> **When I remember you upon my bed, \***  
**and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> **My soul clings to you; \***  
**your right hand holds me fast.**

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**

**Sequence Hymn**    *All Stand*

*"We Sing Of God, The Mighty Source"*

**Hymnal 387**

*(Verse 1-3 before the Gospel; Verse 4 after)*

1 We sing of God, the might - y source of all things;  
 \*2 Tell them I AM, the Lord God said, to Mo - ses  
 3 Glo - rious the sun in mid ca - reer; glo - rious the as -  
 4 Glo - rious, most glo - rious, is the crown of him that

the stu - pen - dous force on which all strength de - pends;  
 while on earth in dread and smit - ten to the heart,  
 sem - bled fires ap - pear; glo - rious the co - met's train;  
 brought sal - va - tion down by meek - ness, Ma - ry's son;

from whose right arm, be - neath whose eyes, all pe - riod,  
 at once, a - bove, be - neath, a - round, all na - ture  
 glo - rious the trum - pet and a - larm; glo - rious the al -  
 seers that stu - pen - dous truth be - lieved, and now the

power, and en - ter - prise com - men - ces, reigns, and ends,  
 with - out voice or sound re - plied, O Lord, thou art.  
 might - y stretched - out arm; glo - rious the en - rap - tured main:  
 match - less deed's a - chieved, de - ter - mined, dared, and done.

## The Gospel

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.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ann Murray

**The Nicene Creed** *All Stand*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified.**

**He 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.**

**Prayers of the People**      *Form III*      *All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray  
for Santa Maria Virgen in Oklahoma City.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Central America.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*“Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace”*

Oley Speaks

Bob Mansfield, Soloist

**Presentation of the Offerings** *Please stand and sing*

*“All Things are Thine”*

**Insert**

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *The people remain standing*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord) *The people stand or kneel* **Insert**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole World.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

*All* **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**

**BCP 364**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Agnus Dei** (Jesus, Lamb of God)

**Insert**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The table belongs to all the Lord's People and not just the Episcopal Church. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. If you wish to have the host intincted, simply lift the host up to the chalice bearer in your open hands, let them take it from you, intinct it, and return it to you or place it on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available.*



# Communion Hymns

*"O Food To Pilgrims Given"*

**Hymnal 309**

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We  
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's sidel We  
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance -  
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

*"If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee"*

Hymnal 635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the lines of the vocal staff. The first system includes two verses of text. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

**Post-Communion Prayer** *All Stand*

**BCP 365**

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

## Processional Hymn

“The Glory Of These Forty Days”

Hymnal 143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
 \*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
 5 thee be - ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

*(Alleluias are omitted during the season of Lent)*

## Postlude



***Please keep these people in your prayers this week***

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Antone Godding, Anne Burris Grieves, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, McKenzie Million, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Syra Vaz, Josh Yarbrough, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Lester & Pam Wallace, Debbie Price, Ron Stiehler, Nancy Hancock, Tom & Nancy Wakely, Mark Gilje, Debi Kelley, Suzanne Moore, Tom Selvidge.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Michael, Eliza Rodrigues, Cecilia Prytko.

Birthdays: 3/23 Judith Creech, 3/27 Karen Petrie

Anniversaries: 3/23/1957 Richard & Nancy Hancock

For the departed: 3/23/2000 Neil Dikeman, 3/24/1980 Eva Appleby

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**This week at St. Michael's**

**Today, March 23**

Pride Committee meeting

**Monday, March 24**

6:30 p.m. Crafts

**Wednesday, March 26**

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

**Thursday, March 27**

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Sunday, March 30**

Worship Committee meeting