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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 20, 2021, 10 a.m.

PRESIDER
Richard Hendricks

READER
Dave Waller

OPENING AND CONFESSION

The presider is seated informally (no procession).

Please stand as able for the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS *Hymnal #142*

OPENING SENTENCE I JOHN 1:8, 9 *(BCP p. 76)*

Presider: If we say 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *(BCP p. 79)*

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed. Followed by the congregation saying together:

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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



PSALM 95

(BCP p. 724)

The Presider and the People read responsively.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

- 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."

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

Please be seated.



THE PSALM APPOINTED

PSALM 63:1-8

(BCP p. 670)

(The Leader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.)

- 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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-15

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS:

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.

Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 14

A SONG OF PENITENCE

(BCP pp. 90-91)

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *

with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *

they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *

long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *

you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *

that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *

and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *

and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *

Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *

and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *

and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *

and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

(Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15)

Please be seated.



THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS:

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.

Please stand as able.

CANTICLE 16

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

(BCP pp. 92-93)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

(Luke 1: 68-79)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



Please be seated.

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:1-9

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

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<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/aglow-lent-3-c-march-20-2022/>

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(BCP p. 96)

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 153)

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.



SUFFRAGES B

(BCP p. 98)

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (BCP p. 218)

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.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

(BCP p. 99)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

The Presider and People pray responsively.

Rejoicing in the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon your Church. Fill with your life and grace Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Bishop, and all your people. May we be good news to those poor in spirit and poor in resources.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon us who are called by your name. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, and in our diocese we pray for the work and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Modesto.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon the nations of the earth. Challenge them with your justice and mercy. May Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, Eric our Mayor, and all in authority work with integrity for the common good.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon this community. Prosper the work of your church. May our lives be signs of your kingdom, and a blessing for those among whom we live and work.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.



Send down your Spirit, O God, upon all living in sickness or distress. Make known your healing presence to Stan, Rita, Robert, and all in need. May earth and heaven resound with your praise.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Send down your Spirit, O God, upon those whom we love but see no longer. Fulfill in all who have died your promise of resurrection. May we with them come to the fulfillment of your redemption.

God our refuge and our stronghold

Hear us, and show us your salvation.

Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

(BCP p. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, **by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

(BCP p. 102)

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

(BCP p. 154)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

Hymnal #344

~ Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour. ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lenten Bible Study during Coffee Hour continues.

Evening Prayer followed by "Bible Study with the Saints"

Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. | Zoom ID: 86184998917 | Password: 573597

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OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.