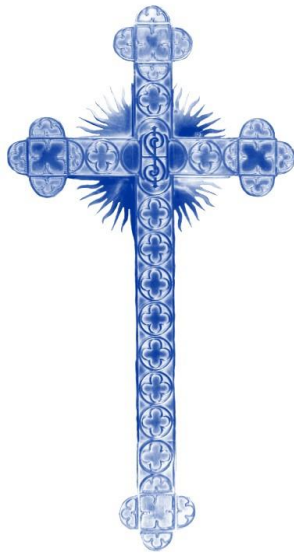


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

March 23, 2025 ♦ 10:30 am





## The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 372**

Praise to the living God!

*Leoni*

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Richard Proulx

The 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.**

**The First Lesson**

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':

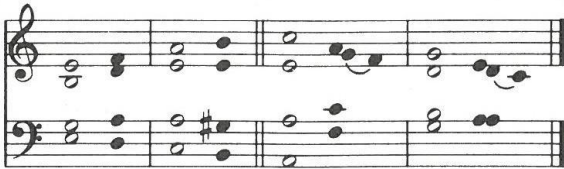
This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

## The Psalm

**Psalm 63:1-8**  
*Deus, Deus meus*

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James Frazier  
(b. 1947)



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- 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 Second Lesson

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.

**Hymn # 648** (vv.1-3)

When Israel was in Egypt's land

*Go Down, Moses*

## 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.'"

**Hymn # 648** (v.4)

When Israel was in Egypt's land

*Go Down, Moses*

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (Congregation response: *Lord, have mercy.*)

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The Peace

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## The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Choir Anthem

Call to remembrance

Richard Farrant

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth  
are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, flowing line with many slurs, characteristic of plainsong. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 2; Mass 12; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Whoever eats this bread

Mason Martens

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.*

*Kneel or stand as able.*

*Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.*

*As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.*

*To receive the wine:*

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

*Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Hymn

**Hymn # 685**

Rock of ages, cleft for me

*Toplady*

Post Communion Prayer

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Prayer over the People

*Celebrant:* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says:*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

*The People: Amen.*

**Hymn # 143**

The glory of these forty days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

\* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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***Prayers of the People*** – Sarah Celec

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***Ushers*** – David Wingenbach, Doug Thomas, Wilborn Roberson, Marty Tabaka

***Acolytes*** – Jackson Stock, Gregory Elwood

***Altar Guild*** – Liz Couture, Martha Roberson

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall

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