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HOLY EUCHARIST

in person & livestreamed

March 9, 2025 7:00 am & 9:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

Observing a Holy Lent

During this season of introspection, you'll notice some changes in our sanctuary and liturgy. These changes provide cues that help us shift gears and attend to our inner spiritual lives as we journey with Jesus on the path to Jerusalem.

In our physical space, you will see that the **altar cross is veiled** and the **altar if draped in purple**, the liturgical color of Lent.

In our liturgy, note that our **opening acclamation** speaks of God's forgiveness, love, and mercy. We share a special **call to worship** to prepare us to listen, open our hearts, and examine our lives. The Gloria is replaced by the **Kyrie**, a solemn moment asking for mercy from our Creator and Christ.

During Holy Communion, the **Eucharistic Prayer is spoken** rather than sung. The **Prayers of the People for the season of Lent** call our awareness to the wilderness journey we travel with Jesus. We sing a more introspective **Fraction Hymn** (fraction is another word for "divide" or "break," and we sing the fraction while the bread is broken at the altar as the presider prepares to share the bread and the wine.)

You may notice several placed in your worship booklet marked with this symbol $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}}}$. During prayers and immediately after receiving the sacraments (communion), you may choose to **make the sign of the cross**. This is appropriate all year, but you may wish to be particularly intentional about it during Lent.

Upon returning to your seat after communion, it is customary to sit in prayerful reflection and during Lent especially, you may choose to **kneel** (knees allowing).

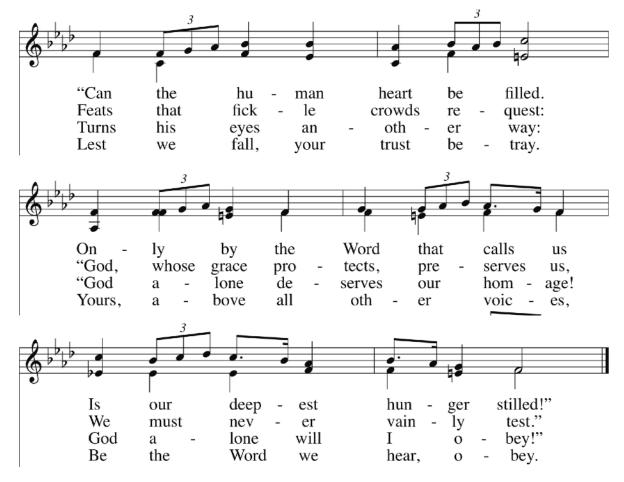
Finally, at the end of the service, the blessing is replaced with a **solemn prayer over the people** for the season of Lent. As the Deacon pronounces the dismissal, **alleluias are omitted**.



Opening Hymn Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Lead Me, 2nd Edition #290





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Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless ♥ our Creator, who forgives us and loves us.

People God's mercy endures forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

Presider "Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)

People Let us roll up our sleeves and prepare.

Presider Lower your guard.

People We come in from the storm.

Presider Make yourself at home in this sacred place.

People We come to your table.

Presider Release tension in your mind, body, and spirit. Take a deep breath and

return to God with all your heart.

People May it be so.



by Mila Polevia



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Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Collect

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Source: Book of Common Prayer.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me."

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Here ends the reading.

People May Spirit open our hearts and minds.

The Psalm

Reader We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Qui habitat

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *

my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *

and show him my salvation..

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Romans.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

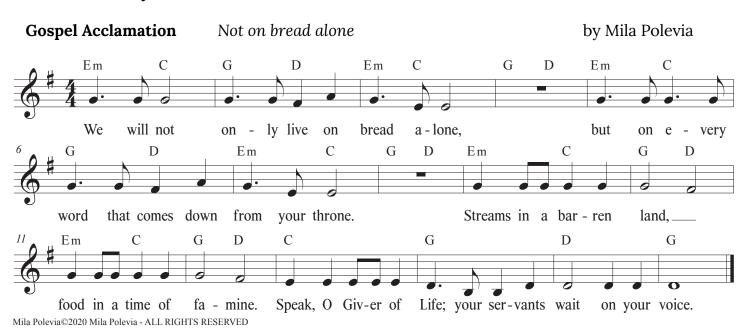
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader Here ends the reading.

People May Spirit open our hearts and minds.

Please stand as you are able.



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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. ₹

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior. People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Music for reflection and gathering of prayers. Please hand them to our deacon.

The Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon In this holy season of Lent, let us offer our prayers to God, who leads us

through the wilderness.

For the church, that in this season of repentance, it may acknowledge its

own shortcomings and turn to God's healing grace.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For our world, that angels might still wait on those who wander among the

beasts of poverty, hunger, and oppression.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For our nation and our leaders, that they may have the courage to guard the

rights of those who are poor or powerless,

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For those who suffer, for desperate cries and silent tears, that we may hear

and see; that we may love and bless, and that with Christ we may offer peace.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For the place where we live, that we open ourselves to examine the places

nearby where our neighbors wait for justice, and equality, and acceptance.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For our special concerns and hopes as we examine our own hearts, and

thoughts, and actions.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People Show us through the wilderness.

Deacon For all who have died, that they may rest completely and joyfully in You, O

God, even as they join with you to lead us through the wilderness.

(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)

Deacon God of love and mercy,

People You will bring us home.

Closing Collect for the Prayers of the People

Presider God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.

Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to repentance and blessing, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Adapted by Susanne Watson Epting from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers,

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Confession of Sin

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

All 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.

The Queen's Prayer

by Queen Lili'uokalani



Translation of The Queen's Prayer:

Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow, imprisoned. You are my light. Your glory, my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of man, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O God, protect us beneath your winds and let peace be our portion now and forever more. Amen.

Presider

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.**

Please be seated.

The Peace

Announcement of birthday and anniversary celebrations for the coming week.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

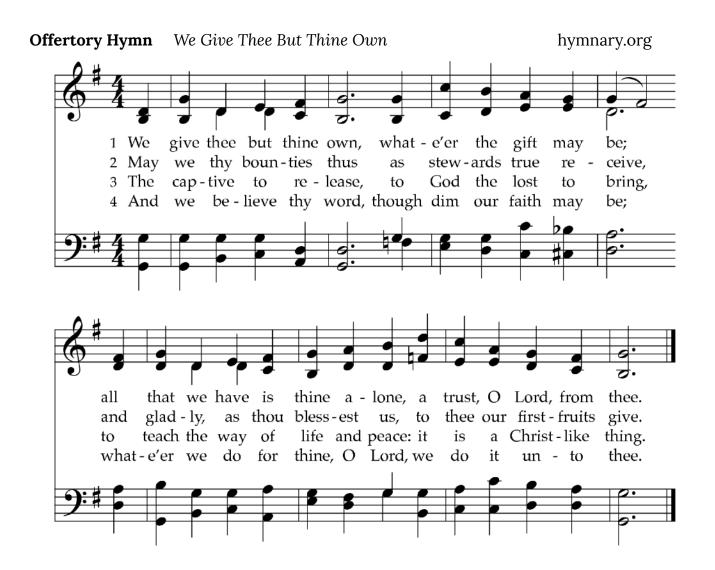
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Prayer

All We give thanks for the abundance we receive: the existence of beauty in a chaotic world, the hand of a friend during a season of sorrow, the words of a poem that witness our heartbreak, the presence of a creature who calms our body, the gift of vegetables from soil. How can we help but set free our resources into the web of reciprocity? Come, beloveds, let us gather what we have, that all may have enough.

Adapted from liturgy from Enfleshed.



The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

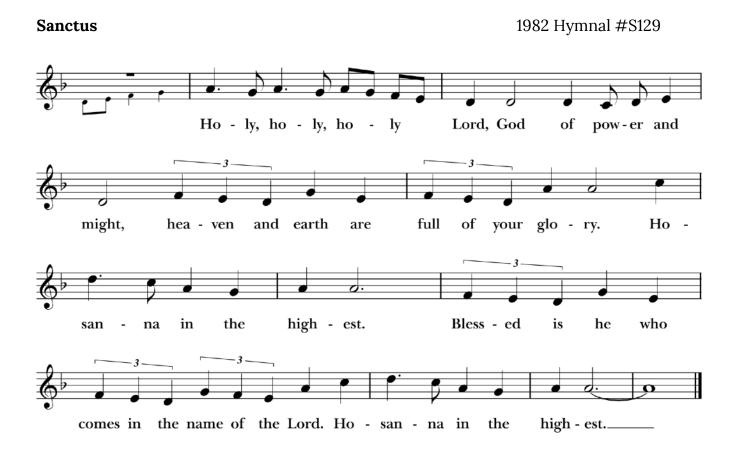
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues,

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Presider continues,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues,

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Lifting the bread and wine, the presider says:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer is spoken at 7:00 am and sung at 9:00 am.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

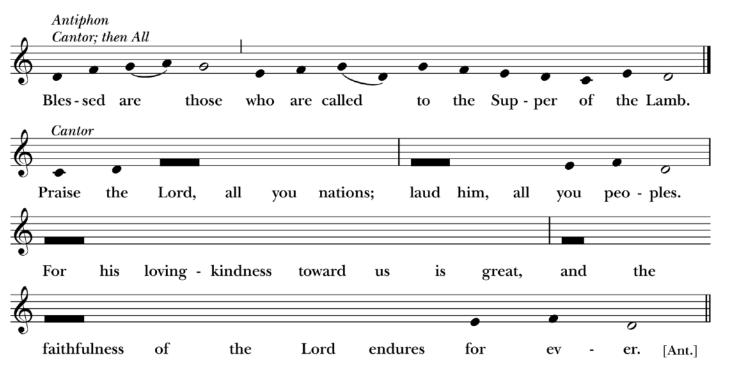
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn Blessed are those

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Instructions for receiving the sacraments

You are invited to come up, row by row, to receive the sacraments of bread and wine. The usher will guide you. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please tell the usher; the priest and deacon will come to you.

At the font

The waters of our font remind us of the waters that flow mauka to makai through this ahupua'a — a place we enjoy with respect and honor for the Ali'i who granted us permission to care for this 'āina on their behalf. Through this water, we are connected to the 'āina, God, and one another. We pause at the font to remember our baptismal vows that recall us to our Creator and remind us to care for all people in this community, in our diocese, and all creation. In remembrance of the sacrament of baptism, we anoint one another.

At the font, you are invited to anoint the person behind you by dipping a finger in the water and making a small cross on their forehead. Anointing is voluntary. If you prefer not to do this, simply cross your arms and the priest will anoint the person behind you.

Receiving the bread and wine

To receive the bread (also called the host), extend your hands with palms flat, one on top of the other. The priest will place the host on your palm with the words "The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven." Please indicate if you would prefer gluten-free.

To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the chalice. The deacon will say "the Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation."

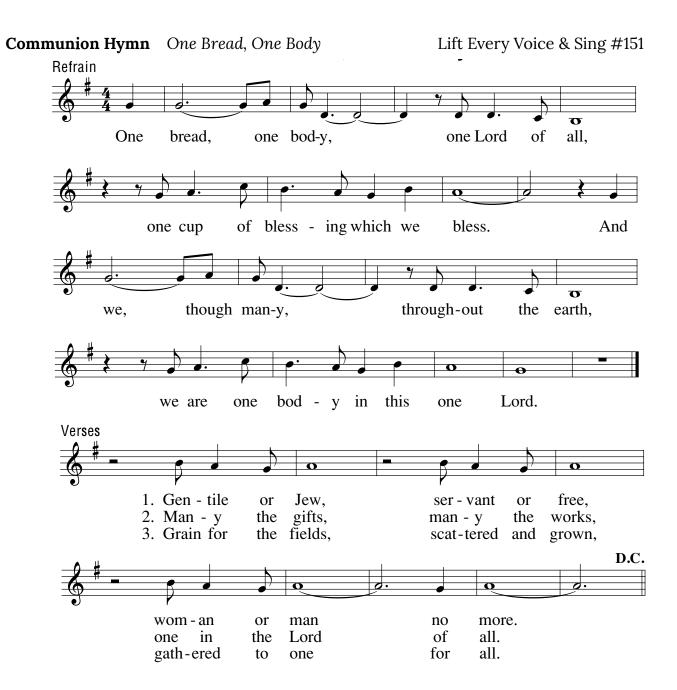
If you prefer, you may dip a small part the host in the wine. This is called intinction. Please dip carefully so that your fingers do not touch the wine. The deacon will say "the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life."

Receiving Bread only

If you do not wish to partake in the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Consuming the host is considered the full sacrament of Holy Communion.

Receiving a blessing

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine but would like a blessing, you are invited to come forward, arms crossed, to receive the blessing.



Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

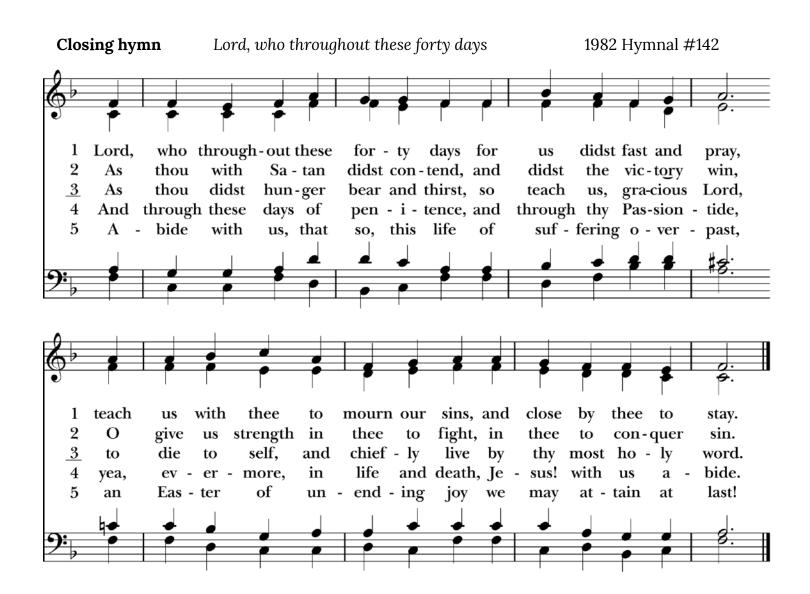
Solemn Lenten prayer over the people

Deacon Bow down before God.

[Silence is kept.]

Presider

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon these your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully and to serve you with a quiet mind and attentive heart. All this we pray in the name of Christ, who is our constant companion. **Amen.**



The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude St. Flavian, Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Kirk Corey, organ



Throughout the season of Lent, you are invited to follow the meditations offered by Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD).

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You can find ERD's daily meditations on St. Augustine's web site. If you would like a printed copy, please ask Vicar Jennifer.

On the following page, we've shared one of the meditations for the coming week.

Meditation for Wednesday, March 12, 2025 written by Jerusalem Jackson Greer <u>Together</u> we shall try to find the exact answer to each one of the problems.

-Abba Pachomius to housemaster Thomas

During Lent, we read of Jesus alone in the wilderness for forty days, hungry, tired and repeatedly tempted by the devil. Of all the trials in this passage, the one I find the most disturbing is the trial of aloneness. Some folks find inspiration in strong, stoic, loner Jesus, perhaps forgetting that he didn't exactly thrive on his own. In Matthew and Mark's accounts, angels come and tend to a worn-out man who very well may be on the edge of dehydration and starvation, not to mention mental anguish.

I don't think it is an accident that immediately following this lone-ranger trip into the wilderness, Jesus begins to gather his team of disciples, his community of friends and coministers. And, except for a few moments of prayer, we never again see Jesus on his own; instead, he lives, ministers, dies and reveals his resurrection within the context of community and within the context of relationships.

We believe that our life-giving, loving, liberating God gives all, gathers all and draws us all toward a shared wholeness with one another. If we are to join God as co-creators in this work, then we must follow the learnings of Jesus, traveling even our most challenging roads with each other instead of trying to power through alone. We must lead with vulnerability and humility, ministering and being ministered to in all circumstances, removing aloneness, bearing each other's burdens and sitting together in the ashes.

For Reflection

How do you feel about being vulnerable with others when you are walking a tough road? Do you ask for help?

How are you for listening and creating a safe space for others to be vulnerable with you? Do you make space for other people's needs?

How can you learn from Jesus's choices regarding community?



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