



# **The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2026 10:00am

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Celebrant*

## **St. Nicholas Episcopal Church**

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The Rev. Robert J. Farrow, AIA, MDiv, Priest in Charge  
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## Holy Eucharist Rite II (Lent)

*Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is a house of prayer for all people. Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

### PRELUDE

*All stand and sing.*

PROCESSIONAL | *Cwm Rhondda* Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

*Please be seated.*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all sins

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE DECALOGUE

*Contemporary*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## TRISAGION

*The people stand.*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: 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

*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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THE OLD TESTAMENT | Exodus 17:107

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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?"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 95

*The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson.*

*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."*

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

THE EPISTLE | Romans 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Be still, my soul

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the  
2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture  
3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has-tening on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;  
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;  
ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy  
All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the  
Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul! when

best, thy heav-en-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel; translated by Jane L. Borthwick  
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius

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THE GOSPEL | John 4:5-42

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

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

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."

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

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

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## THE RITES OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

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PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenter:* I present these persons for Confirmation.  
*All being Confirmed stand.*

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.  
*All being Received stand.*

*The Bishop asks the candidates* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?  
*Candidates:* **I do.**

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Candidates:* **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*People:* **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Those being Confirmed or Received are invited to come forward down the center aisle and stand or kneel at the altar rail.*

### **For Confirmation**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her/them for your service; and sustain him/her/them all the days of his/her/their life. **Amen.**

*or this*

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he/she/they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he/she/they come(s) to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

### **For Reception**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer.*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

## THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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The undesignated offering today goes to the Bishop's discretionary fund, which supports emergencies and non-budgeted ministries during the year. If you'd like to donate using a check, make it out to St. Nicholas, but put *Bishop's Fund* in the memo line. If you prefer Vanco (use QR code), make a Contribution with a note that it is for the Bishop's Fund.

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OFFERTORY HYMN | *Nettleton* Come, thou fount of blessing

Hymnal 686

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Please stand for the presentation of the offering.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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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.**

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as able.*

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:

*Together*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,**

**grant us thy peace.**

*Celebrant:*

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 SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN | The King of love my shepherd is

Performed by Kevin Anderson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

RECESSIONAL | Shall we gather at the river

Booklet 64

## DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE |

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship  
in The Gathering Room, to the left as you leave the nave.**

*St. Nicholas' mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.*

*Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

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#### IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Stafford Long, Michelle Moody, Edward Martin, Katherine Johnson, April Moore, and Christine Risdon. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles : Mike Sawyer, Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

#### VESTRY

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*  
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*  
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,  
and Steve Morse  
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

#### MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris  
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris  
Virtual Minister: Drucye Cox  
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon  
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson  
Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

#### UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- MAR 15: Atlanta Hunger Walk (see below)
- MAR 18: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- MAR 21: Afternoon Tea Fundraiser 2:00 p.m.
- MAR 22: Training after the service: Eucharistic Visitors and Virtual Ministers. All are welcome!
- MAR 27: Making palm crosses 10:00 a.m.
- MAR 29: Palm Sunday – the procession will begin in the Memory Garden, weather permitting  
Adult Forum: Holy Week – after the service.

**Hunger Walk is coming! And we're joining the Chattahoochee Valley Convocation Team!** Please donate to Hunger Walk either by check in the collection plate; donating directly using the link in this message; or by letting Sheri make a donation using your credit card. She will have her computer this week and the week after, following the service.



Walkers: We'll meet in front of Banks Food Court at 2:30 on the 15th to walk a short walk in the Riverwalk together with St Thomas and Trinity. Use this QR code to register or see your newsletter for a clickable link.

The **Easter Flowers and Music** contribution envelopes are out in the narthex and will remain until Palm Sunday. This is a lovely way to celebrate a loved one or special occasion, or to honor the memory of someone who has entered the communion of saints before us. The list will be published on Easter Sunday.

**Anyone for Game Night?** We want to start a game night! Any and all games considered – board games, card games (sorry, no drinking games). Before we make it happen we would like to hear from you. What games would you like to play? Would you come out for game night every 4th Wednesday after Evening Prayer? Drucye would love to hear your feedback and suggestions!



Get ALL the news – use this QR code to access the *Spirit of St. Nicholas* for March 2026.

An invitation card for an afternoon tea event. The card features a decorative border of pink lilies and butterflies. The text is centered and reads: "It's Spring - Let's celebrate! Join us for Afternoon Tea March 21, 2026 2:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Episcopal Church • 69 Mobley Road, Hamilton, Georgia \$50 Reservations: online at stnicholashamilton.org or by calling 706-587-3243".

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# Immigration: Dignity, Solidarity, and Support

*To be read at all services in congregations March 8, 2026, the Third Sunday in Lent.*

Beloved in Christ,

I pray this finds you certain that our ultimate allegiance belongs to Jesus the Christ.

The bible cries out that God's people are to love and care for "foreigners," "immigrants," "strangers," and the "least." Scripture submits this as directive without condition. The Baptismal Covenant is clear that we are to be the people who "Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves," as we "...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." The call to attention, prayer, and advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable flows seamlessly from Jesus' example, our tradition, and the words we use in worship each Sunday.

We have all seen the news of ICE activity in other cities. Families in our own church communities, especially those from Hispanic backgrounds and other immigrants, are being battered by confusion, fear and despair with the changes in immigration enforcement. Concern continues to grow at the possibility of increased ICE activity among us.

I continue to believe that a great nation can uphold the integrity of its borders; remove dangerous criminals from its midst and expect excellence in law enforcement— all while providing asylum to the fleeing and creating safety and a path to citizenship for those who live and labor among us. My faith in God and in people of good faith assures me that we can work together for a more just immigration policy without diminishing the dignity of anyone.

We invite you to join us in continued prayer and faithful action for a more just immigration policy, for those adults and children in detention and those who live in fear, and for our deeper alignment with the biblical mandate to "Love our neighbors as ourselves."

We will continue to make available specific resources to support immigrants in our communities, including the opportunity to pray by name for those members of our communities known to us who are now living in detention and their families.

Please know I make this offering from my heart to your heart, that some hearts would be strengthened, some would be softened, and all hearts would increase in their devotion to God in Christ for the benefit of all God's beloved children.

Your brother,



The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright  
Bishop



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