

Sunday, March 23, 2025 10:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting and Affirming Statement

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you
And also with you

Bless the One who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

Confession and Absolution
Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us keep silence before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.
And most especially,
let us remember the covenant of our baptism
and test our hearts and conscience
to know how faithfully
we have SOUGHT AND SERVED Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Silence

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Grant us the wisdom to know ourselves,
The courage to admit our sins,
And the grace to receive
God's never-failing mercy and forgiveness.
Amen

HYMN: Gathering Song *(See insert)*

Collect
God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people.
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1- 9 (NJB)
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 63: 1-8
Reader: Corinne MacLean
A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm Hymn # 645 Come Down, O Love Divine
(Blue book)

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1-9
Reader: The Rev. Carolyn Herold
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Carolyn Herold*

Prayers of The People: *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # Longing for Light
(See insert)

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with You
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right and good… join in their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy God…….. with every breath:

All: We praise you, O God

Celebrant: Generations bless…….. into the future:

All: We bless you, O God

Celebrant: We give you thanks, …….with us now..

All: We thank you, O God

Celebrant: On the night, …….mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We pray, …….without end.

All: Amen. Amen amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come
Let all who are thirsty come.
Let all who wish receive the water of life freely.
Amen, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.

The Communion

HYMN # 174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church *(Blue Book)*

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN # 401 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
(*Blue Book))*

The Dismissal