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Episcopal Church**  
Milford, Michigan  
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*God Loves You.  
No Exceptions!*



*Enter the worship space in silence*

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026  
Holy Communion, Rite II  
at 10:15 a.m.**

**The Rev. Michelle Werner**  
*Rector*

**Mr. John Potter**  
*Music Minister*

*In Person & Livestream*

*All Music is found in the Seasonal Music Booklet in the Pew Rack.*

## The Word of God

*The people stand as comfortable*

### Processional Hymn

*Wait for the Lord*

Seasonal Booklet pg 8

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### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The priest begins:*

**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 Celebrant declares Absolution of Sin:*

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.**

### Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison*

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## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated for the lessons.*

## **Psalter** | Psalm 130

*Waiting for Divine Redemption*

*Psalm is said responsively by whole verse, organ side - odd, choir side - even*

1. Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2. **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**
3. For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.
4. **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**
5. My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
6. **O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
7. With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## **Epistle Lesson** | Romans 8: 6-11

*Life in the Spirit*

A reading from Paul's letter to all God's beloved in Rome, chapter 8, verses 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated*

## **Sequence Hymn**

*By Night We Hasten*

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## **Holy Gospel** | John 11:1-12:1

*The Raising of Lazarus*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother

Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people

than to have the whole nation destroyed." He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples. Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him. Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Michelle Werner*

## **Sequence Hymn**

*By Night We Hasten*

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*The people stand as comfortable*

## **The Nicene Creed,**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People with Sung Refrain**

*O Lord Hear My Prayer* Seasonal Booklet pg 1-2

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*Please assume a position of prayer (kneel, stand or sit)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, for the clergy and people of *All.together Campus Ministry in Detroit, St. John's in Westland & St. Barnabas in Bani, DR* and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Refrain**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, for those celebrating birthdays especially *Donne M., Matthew M. & Hans S.* and those celebrating anniversaries, reunions or other special events that we may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy. **Refrain**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy. **Refrain**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors especially *Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan & Joshua, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Dean R., Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., John E., Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Mary Sue Lutz & Family, Matt, Michael B., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Randy H., Rebecca, Rick & Debbie, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tara* and those we name before you now either silently or aloud...; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Refrain**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially those we name before you now either silently or aloud ...; that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Refrain**

## Concluding Collect

*Officiant:* Rejoicing in the fellowship all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

*Let us greet one another with signs of the Peace of Jesus!*

**Welcome and Parish Announcements** *(see last page)*

# The Holy Communion

**Offering** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Anthem

*Saranam, Saranam(Refuge)*

Pakistani, Trans. D.T. Niles

Punjabi melody(Arr. Shanti Rasanayagam)

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The Choir

*The people stand as comfortable*

## **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C**

*BCP pg 369*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, To proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus Dominus Deus)*

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Solo: Ho-ly,

**All: ho-ly, ho-ly Lord and God! God of pow'r and might**

Solo: Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**All: Ho-san-na in the high-est.**

Solo: Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Ho-san-na in the high-est.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the

grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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** (*silence follows*)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Agnus Dei*

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Solo: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
Solo: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **All: Lord, have mercy on us.**  
Solo: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, **All: grant us peace, O grant us peace.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the people of God. God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

### **The Communion**

*All who seek the presence of Christ in the sacrament of Communion are welcome. Please come forward to receive the bread (wafer), and if desired to intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine. We are not yet sipping from the Cup. You may request a blessing instead, by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please ask the priest. She will gladly bring Communion to anyone not able to come forward.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*Lord God You Love Us*

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### **Post-Communion Prayer**, *standing as comfortable*

Let us pray:

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Solemn Prayer over the People** (*replaces the Blessing in Lent*)

Bow down before the Lord. Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

*Bless the Lord my Soul*

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**Dismissal:** Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Aria in F Major* from 12th Concerto Grosso

George Frederic Handel

Music - Arr. for organ Felix Alexandre Guilmant ©1952 Concordia Publishing House

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## **Announcements – March 22, 2026**

### ★ **Holy Week Schedule**

**March 29, Palm Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:15 am Services with Passion reading and Chosen 4 Finale

**April 2, Maundy Thursday:** 6:00 pm Supper, Communion and Foot-washing in the Parish Hall followed by service in Sanctuary preparing the Church and ourselves for Good Friday.

**April 3, Good Friday:** 12:00 pm Community Ecumenical Service, Milford Presbyterian  
7:00 pm Traditional Episcopal Service

**April 5, Easter Sunday:** 8:30 am and 10:15 am Festive Easter Eucharist

- ★ **Feed the Fish for Corner Shower and Laundry** located in the basement of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown in Detroit, offers free showers and laundry services to community members in need. Currently providing upwards of 500 showers and 300 loads of clean laundry per month, they are giving people a fresh start.
- ★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on March 29, April 5 & 19.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Easter Flowers** Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to donate Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary on Easter. Suggested Donation \$20.
- ★ **'Chosen' Season 4 continues.** Join us after the 10:15 service for lunch, a watch party and discussion. Please sign-up if you want to attend future sessions so we know how much food to get.
- ★ **March LOK outing Saturday March 21** to the Henry Ford Museum to see the new DaVinci Exhibition. If you want to carpool from church, meet at 9:00/9:15 or meet us at the museum at 10:00am. Tickets are all ordered and ready to go. Lunch at the Museum will follow.
- ★ **April LOK Outing to the DIA on Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00.** We will be having an hour-long guided tour at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Please RSVP to Joyce Spletzer. There is no cost for admission. Lunch to follow.
- ★ **This week is sponsored by Karl & Lori Boeckler in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.**