

The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *Come, thou fount of every blessing* (H 686)

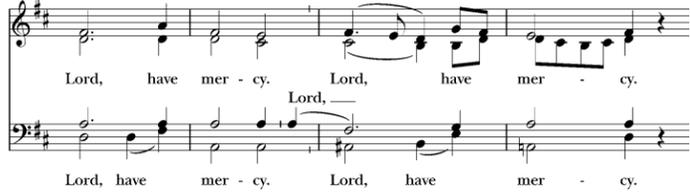
OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

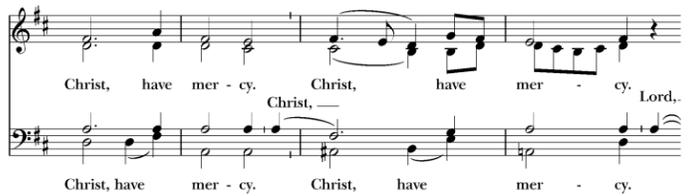
People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: 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.*

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us* (Schubert/Proulx) (S 96)



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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 Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

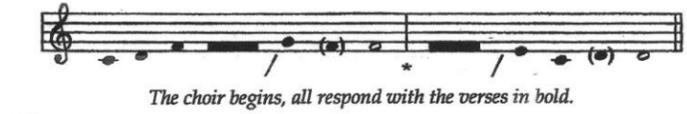
FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From 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. ²The 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?” ³But 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?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” *Reader:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95



The choir begins, all respond with the verses in bold.

- ¹Come, 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 thanks- / -giving *
and raise a loud shout to / him with psalms.**
- ³For the Lord is a / great God, *
and a great King a- / -bove all gods.
- ⁴**In his hand are the caverns of the / earth, *
and the heights of the hills / are his also.**
- ⁵The 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.**
- ⁷For 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.**
- ⁹They 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.”**
- ¹¹So I swore in my / wrath, *
“They shall not enter in- / -to my rest.”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Reader:* The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Surely it is God who saves me* (Thomas Merton) (H 679, v. 1)

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.) ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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.” ¹⁵The 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.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just 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?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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.

SEQUENCE *Surely it is God who saves me* (Thomas Merton)(H 679, v. 2)

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form III p. 387)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 360)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bread of the World Trad. Scottish - arr. Alan Bullard (Born 1947)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,

By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;

And be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed.

Bread of the world.

OFFERTORY HYMN *As those of old their first fruits brought*
The Southern Harmony (1835) (Forest Green) (H 705, v. 3)

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love
with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (BCP p. 361)

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S 130)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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 LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S164)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.
[Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN *My song is love unknown (Love Unknown) (H 458)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *O Love of God, how strong and true (Dunedin) (H 455)*

DISMISSAL

*All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Upper Room for fellowship and refreshments.*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James Episcopal Church, James Island; Mr. Steve Johnston, Sr. Warden

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ken & Grace Wicks.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
8 March 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.



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The Rev. Jim Craig, Assisting



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better.

NOTES: BCP is *The Book of Common Prayer*, the book with the gold cross. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.