

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 7, 2021 ~ 9:00 am



## THIRD SUNDAY

*In Lent*

## WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

*Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.*

We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

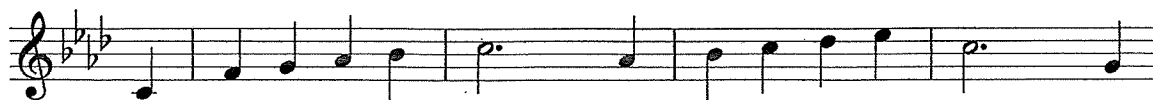
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*All stand as are able.*

### Processional: Praise to the living God

(Hymn # 372)



1. Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name who  
2. Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness; ho -  
3. His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will: in  
4. E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul; his



1. was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same. The  
- ly, no ho - li - ness to be, for ay the same. The  
3. pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still. Es -  
4. love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll. Praise



1. one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears: the  
2. he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise, and  
- 3. tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand, deep  
4. to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name who



1. first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
2. ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
3. writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
4. was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

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

# Kyrie Eleison

(Hymn: S-88)

*Choir* Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e - e -  
- le - i - son. *Choir* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *All* Chri -  
- ste e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.  
*All* Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

## Collect of the Day: Third Sunday in Lent

(BCP Page #218)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

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 *You may be seated.*

#### THE FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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**THE FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

*(Continued)*

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Official*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*         *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 19**

*(BCP Pages 606-607)*

*Read alternately by whole verse.*

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

*One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.*

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

*Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.*

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

*It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*

The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

*The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.*

The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

*More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.*

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

*Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*

**THE SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

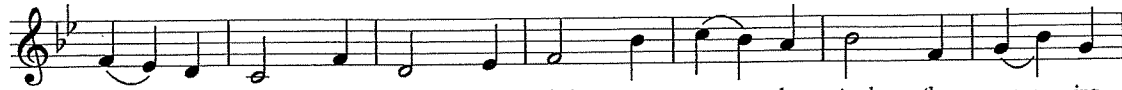
*Official*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*         *Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL HYMN: Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel**

(Hymn #574)



1. Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2. Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3. For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - fious  
4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



1. quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the mean - ing  
2. all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from sins which  
3. to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to catch the  
4. pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be



1. of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and shame may  
2. make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us with thy  
3. sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of pur - pose  
4. with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple may we



1. be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
2. rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
3. high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
4. rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

**The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22**

*All Standing as are able.*

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

*Homily*

*The Rev. James Friedel*

*All standing as are able.*



(BCP Page 358)

*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 - Form I**

(BCP Page 383-385)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

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Prayers of the People, *Continued*

For this city of Rockport-Fulton and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those listed on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,  
O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Peter and all the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life,  
to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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.*

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*The Celebrant says*

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.*

## The Peace

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

*People*        *And also with you.*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP Pages 361-363)

*The people remain standing.*

*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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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



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 congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.  
The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*



*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)**

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*(BCP Page 364)*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you.

*As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.*

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

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.*



## Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

### The Blessing

*The Celebrant says*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Recessional: Rock of Ages

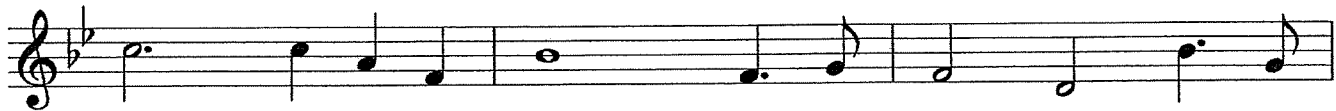
(Hymn #685)



1. Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in  
2. Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan-guor  
3. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in



1. thee; let the wa - ter and the blood from thy  
2. know, all for sin could not a - tone: thou must  
3. death, when I rise to worlds un - known and be-



1. wound - ed side that flowed, be of sin the dou - ble  
2. save, and thou a - lone; in my hand no price I  
- 3. hold thee on thy throne, Rock of a - ges, cleft for



1. cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
2. bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
3. me, let me hide my - self in thee.

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant says*

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,  
return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,  
help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All Thanks be to God.*



*We are grateful to those participating in our worship this morning:*

**Lay Readers:** Julie Pina and John Warren  
**Greeters:** Kathryn Hamby and Betty Williams  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Meredith Carter  
**Musical Assistance:** Alan Berkebile  
**Altar Guild:** Sherri Collins



### **WE RECYCLE!**

We can NOT reuse the service bulletins. If you do not want to take yours home, Please put in the recycling bin as you leave.

**\*THANK YOU\***

Happy Birthday to Steve Vincent on March 9th and Donna Glassett on March 11th.



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Questions?  
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THE RT. REV. DAVID REED addresses the Clergy and  
Congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas  
regarding Pandemic Guidelines

The announcement by Governor Greg Abbott to rescind most of the restrictions and limitations instated by his previous Orders addressing COVID-19 pandemic “does not affect the life and practices of church” as the pandemic continues.

As the governor states, “Make no mistake, COVID-19 has not disappeared...”

Bishop Reed continues, “This announcement does not abandon safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year. It is a reminder that each person has a role to play in their own personal safety and the safety of others.”

Bishop Reed recommends that we continue to practice safety guidelines to help keep ourselves and others safe.

He reminds us to “Love one another as Christ loves us, by

Wearing a mask  
Staying 6 feet apart  
Washing hands frequently and  
Using common sense”

“And when the right time comes, no one will be happier than me to set aside the mask, close the distance, pass the Peace, and share the Bread and Cup.”

*The full article can be found at [www.dwtx.org](http://www.dwtx.org)*



*Living Well Through Lent*  
*Listening With All Your*  
*Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

This study provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.

All are welcome to attend:  
Mondays at 5:00 pm via ZOOM  
OR

Thursdays at 10:00 am via ZOOM and/or in person in the Parish Hall at St. Peter's.  
*All safety guidelines will be followed.*

You may RSVP to the Church Office. Send us your email address and we will send you all information needed for log in.