The Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

The desert shall rejoice...
for the tongue of the mute shall sing
and the lame will dance with gladness.
Thank you for attending our service today. We ask you to follow the guidelines to protect yourself and those around you.

Entering the sanctuary:
• Please wear your mask while inside the church.
• Pick up a bulletin.
• Please make use of the hand sanitization stations.
• The pews are spaced appropriately for social distancing.
• Please take your bulletin with you to deposit in the recycling bin as you exit, or take home as you wish.

Receiving the Eucharist:
• We will distribute the Eucharist (bread only) to all who wish to partake.
• Please come forward through the center aisle and approach one of the Eucharistic Ministers to receive communion while observing some distance from the person in front of you. Hold out your hands and the Minister will place the wafer in your hands; you may lower your mask to consume the bread when you return to your seat.

We continue these Covid safe practices to protect you and your family. If you have any suggestions, feel free to let us know.

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Opening Hymn #574

Before Thy Throne O God we kneel

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel; give us a conscience quick to feel, a ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand; what e’er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due. From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
3 For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambi-tious to succeed, for crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware, for lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.
A Litany for Healing

Presider    The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People     And also with you.

Presider    Let us pray.

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Presider introduces the Litany with this bidding
Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

God the Creator of All, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.
Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:
**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Blessing of the Children**

*The children/youth are invited to come forward to receive a blessing as they head off to Community of Wonder (C.O.W.).*

**Kyrie eleison #S86, New Plainsong**

**David Hurd (b. 1950)**
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider    The Lord be with you.
People     And also with you.
Presider     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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to
the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8

All remain seated as we say the Psalm antiphonally.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

May those who seek my life to destroy it go down into the depths of the earth;

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, and let them be food for jackals.

But the sovereign will rejoice in God; all those who swear by God will be glad, for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

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The Gospel

LUKE 13:1-9

The People stand as they are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept.

The Rev. Bob Kossler
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

*Presider*  The Lord has done great things for us. With glad and thankful hearts, let us pray saying: Fix our hearts where joy is found,

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  Reinvigorate your Church, O Lord. From our dry places spring forth new life. Refresh your bishops, priests, and deacons. Refresh all Christians in their vocations. We pray especially for our rector search process. Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  Restore the dreams of those who have lost hope. Among the swift and varied changes of the world, be a strong foundation on which all can rely. We give thanks for your creation which you continue to transform. Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  Give water in dry places. Remove the suffering of those who live with drought. Bring water, quench thirst, and give growth in desperate lands. Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  We pray, O God, for the poor. Be merciful to victims of theft. Restore the fortunes of those devastated by dishonesty. Never forget the lives of your poor. Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  We pray, God of Love, lead us in re-imagining a world where there is neither war, nor strife; where peace, freedom and justice reign. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and our leaders. Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  Let those who sow with tears, reap with songs of joy. Fill down-turned mouths with shouts of joyful deliverance. Restore your people, Lord, especially those on our parish prayer list, including Helaina, Fran, Judy, Patricia, Tracy Murray, Bridget Wilson, Carl Theorin, Hal Jorgensen, Cindy Hutchinson . . . [pause] Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*  O God, we long to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Even as we share in his suffering, even as we die, we may die, and all who die attain the resurrection of the dead. We pray especially for... [pause] Fix our hearts where joy is found;

*People*  **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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Presider
Blessed are you, God of Israel, who made us an everlasting covenant. Receive the prayers we offer this day for us in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Please remain in your pew while we exchange a touch-less peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS

A Prayer for Birthdays
Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

The people are seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Don Dicie
THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;

Music: Old Hundredth, Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710), adapt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:
The Presider continues
Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
The Presider continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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,
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

A period of silence is kept.
Presider
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided.

Please come forward and approach one of the Eucharistic Ministers to receive the Eucharist (in the form of bread only). Hold out your hands and the Minister will place the wafer in your hands; you may lower your mask to consume the bread once you return to your seat.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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.
Prayer over the People

Presider
Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow their heads and the Presider says the following prayer
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.

Final Hymn #152 v 1-3, 5

Kind Maker of the world

1 Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with man y a tear poured forth by all the pen i tent who keep this ho ly fast of Lent!
2 Each heart is man ifest to thee; thou know est our in fir mi ty; now we re pent, and seek thy face; grant un to us thy par doning grace. of thy Name, our weak ened souls to health re claim.
3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con fess our sins and our in fir mi ty; now we re pent, and seek thy face; grant un to us thy par doning grace. of thy Name, our weak ened souls to health re claim.
4 Give us the dis ci pline that springs from ab sti nence in out ward things with in ward fast ing,
5 Grant, O thou bless ed Trin i ty; grant, O un - chang ing Un i ty; that this our fast of
DISMISSAL

Deacon       Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People       Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen  arr. for organ by Utterback
composed by anonymous victims of the slave trade

Following the service, please join us for coffee and conversation in the Redwood Room (Parish Hall).

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ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS
To read our full weekly news or the latest issue of the Journey, use this QR code.

SUPPORT THE HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL PEACE PANTRY
The Hillsdale High School Peace Pantry provides a week’s worth of nourishing food every Friday to 150 food-insecure Hillsdale High families - up from 20 families prior to the pandemic. We can support the Peace Pantry - and these 150 families - with donations:

- Target gift cards in any amount *(which give families the freedom to purchase other non-food items they might need)*
- Fund an Easter dinner
  - $25 provides a ham
  - $100 provides an entire Easter dinner for two families of 4 or one family of 7.

Checks can be made out to Transfiguration with “Peace Pantry” in the memo line, while Target gift cards can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the office.

For further information, please contact Gari: garipatton@gmail.com.

Many thanks for extending care and compassion to these families through your donations!

EASTER LANDSCAPE FUND & DEDICATIONS
This year for the Easter decor & dedications, we are asking for donations to be made in honor of or memory of loved ones in support of the landscaping fund. We plan to purchase plants and trees which will adorn our sanctuary for Easter and then be planted in our new landscape areas.

To give a donation and make a dedication use the QR code OR this link: https://forms.gle/QC1MjKxyktvhZXQy8

SUPPORTING UKRAINE:
**Episcopal Relief and Development**
As we pray for an end to violence and for those fleeing Ukraine, please also pray for Episcopal Relief & Development and other ecumenical agencies working to respond to the current crisis.

Support Episcopal Relief & Development in providing humanitarian aid in response to the crisis in Ukraine. By donating to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, you will help meet critical needs for people fleeing the violence including food, cash, blankets and hygiene supplies. Visit episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis
This Week in Parish Life

Sunday, March 20

*The Third Sunday in Lent*
- 9:00am - Joyful Noise via zoom
- 10:30am - In-person Indoor Eucharist at Transfiguration with simultaneous livestream
- Coffee hour to follow (Redwood Room)
- 11:30am - Faith Lab: Confirmation (Redwood Room)
- 4:30pm - Peggie Gao Music Students’ Recital (Church)
- 7:00pm - Masterworks Chorale Rehearsal (Church)

Monday, March 21

- 8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
- 7:15pm - Masterworks Chorale Rehearsal (Church & Redwood Room)

Tuesday, March 22

- 8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
- 10:30am - Staff Meeting (Redwood Room)
- 7:00pm - NMCO rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, March 23

- 8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
- 9:00am - Morning Prayer via zoom
- 10:30am - Gospel Preview via zoom

Thursday, March 24

- 8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom
- 7pm - Transfig Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 25

- 8:30am - Morning Meditation via zoom

Saturday, March 26

Sunday, March 27

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*
- 9:00am - Joyful Noise via zoom
- 10:30am - In-person Indoor Eucharist at Transfiguration with simultaneous livestream
- Coffee hour to follow (Redwood Room)