

The Third Sunday in Lent- Penitential Order

Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth
Celebrant: The Right Reverend Rustin Kimsey

The Opening Hymn

O Bless the Lord my soul

Hymnal 411

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim! And all that is within me join to bless his holy name!
O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind! Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
He will not always chide; he will with patience wait; his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath; he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth; And like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.
Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant 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 Kyrie Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

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- 1 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.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Bishop Rustin Kimsey

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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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.

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 Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, for Church of Transfiguration, Sisters: for Ted Rodrigues, Jane Day, Roger Fairfield, 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.

For The Dalles, for every city and community and for those who live in them, 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 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 Nettie Cross, Jeff Rask, Kristie Ketchum, Larry Wortman, Judy Reid, and all members of this parish, 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.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings received and given, and Celebrations of Life~
Thank offerings this quarter will be used for energy assistance through the Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

The Holy Communion *Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Offertory

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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.**

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

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

Celebrant 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; 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 now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us this 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

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

All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymn *Let us break bread together* *Hymnal 325*

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* *Hymnal 344*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace; O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

So that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away, fear of death shall not appall us,
Glad thy summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

[Dismissal] *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey; Acolyte: Denise Beasley;
 Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Ned Kice, Gretchen Kimsey; Lector: Don Dickinson;
 Altar Guild: Anne Frazier, Kim McCullough; Altar Bread: Jan Swartz;
 Prayers of the People: Shirley Bjelland, Jerry Frazier;
 Coffee Hour: The Lowe Family; Greeter: Carole Fisher.*

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family: Susan, Caroline, Joan, Fr. Noe Bernier and the people of Haiti, Mark Nelson, Skip Fisher, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Lida Beasley, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

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| Monday | AA "open" meeting | 7:00 pm | Tayler Hall |
| Tuesday | Bible Study | 1:00 pm | Mill Creek |
| Wednesday | Master Gardeners | 8-4:30 | Tayler Hall |
| | AA Meeting | 7:00 pm | Tayler Hall |
| | Ladies Lunch Bunch | 1:00 pm | Baldwin Hotel |
| Thursday | Healing Service | Noon | |
| | Soup & Lenten Book Study | 6:00 pm | Tayler Hall |
| Saturday | AA Meeting | 7:00 pm | Tayler Hall |

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RAGDOLLS TO LOVE: If you would like to help make ragdolls to send to children in Haiti, please help yourself to the materials (patterns, fabric, etc.) on the table in the narthex. During Easter season, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: Saturday, **March 20**, is our scheduled spring cleanup. We will be working from 9 am until 2 pm, with lunch provided at noon. Bring your tools, rakes, pruners, brooms, shovels, blowers, window washing supplies, and dusting equipment. We also need pickups to haul trash away. Tasks to be accomplished: Prune brush from shrubs and juniper along sidewalks, haul off juniper trash, clean playground area of trash and weeds, dust and clean common room and library, wash windows inside and outside, clean and organize storage room, clean janitor rooms both up and downstairs, clean stairwell. *We have a special reason to be spruced up this year—the Bishop's official visit is March 28.*

BISHOP NEDI VISITS ON PALM SUNDAY: Bishop Nedi will be with us on Palm Sunday! What a joy it is to welcome her for her first official Bishop's Visit to St. Paul's! We will be spruced up outside after the clean up day on March 20, and we want to provide a spruced up lunch for her, too. Pat Fowler is coordinating our efforts for a Mediterranean style lunch- simple in keeping with Palm Sunday, but welcoming and tasty to celebrate our bishop's presence. If you can help with that lunch, please either sign up on the sign up sheet in the hallway, or contact Pat directly. Thank you for your help! And for all who can be here that day, please come to share the day, talk with, and generally enjoy the Bishop's visit.

BOOK STUDY & SOUP DINNERS FOR LENT: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*- adult or youth version; and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, both by Greg Mortensen. Read either book, or just come to read the excerpt and join the discussion about how God works and how do we faithfully respond to do the work God has given us to do. Meet at 6:00 for soup and bread, and the book talk at 6:30 pm. Please come any or all nights!

