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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 20, 2022 † 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS p.34**

*\*The assembly stands as they may comfortably. All may make the sign of the cross.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. May God give you time for amendment of life and the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **GREETING p. 147**

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

**And also with you.**

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# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



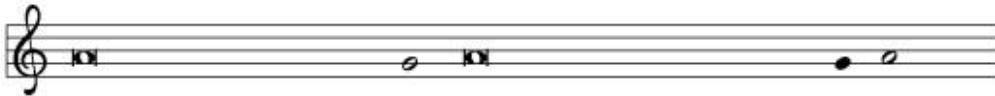
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

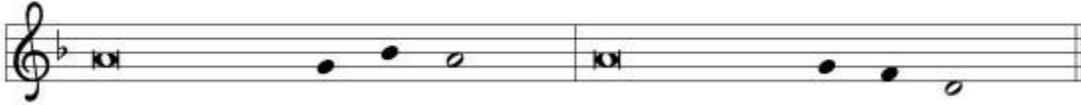
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

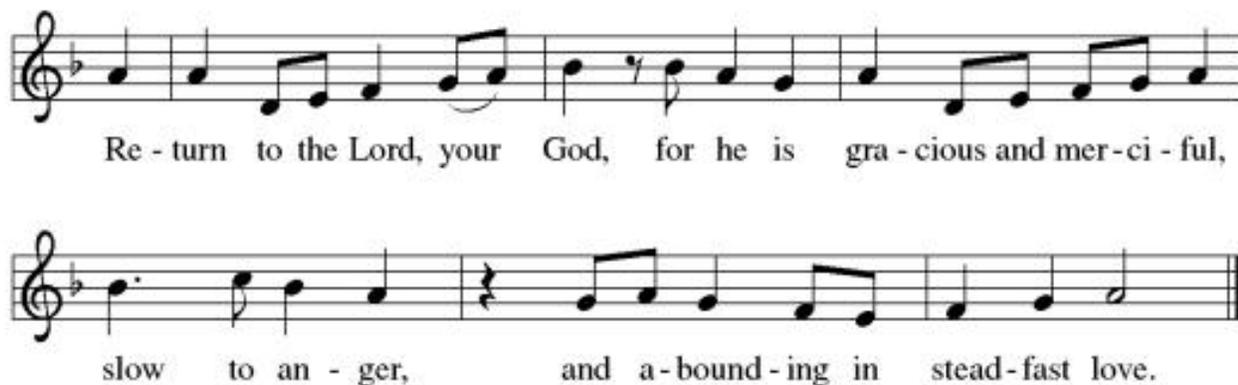
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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## PSALM 63:1-8



## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

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## As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF VISUAL ARTS

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these original works of art to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,  
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;  
you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children;  
and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Bless this cross, which we set apart today and dedicate to your praise and honor;  
may this sign of your Son's triumph draw us to him who leads us with this banner of  
salvation.

Bless these statues of Jesus and the Holy Family, which we set apart today and dedicate to  
your praise and honor;  
may the material things of your creation, shaped by human hands,  
draw our hearts to things that can be seen only by the eye of faith.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are  
in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains,  
and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for  
congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands suffering the impact of  
droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment  
and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators  
tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a  
vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Bring an end to violence against Ukraine.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any  
who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in  
need of healing, especially Chanelle, Clark, Kim, Jim, Frank, Wayne, Marlene, the Nason family,  
Richard; all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now  
(pause). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With Daniel, Judy, Edward, Elaine, and James; Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury and Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyrs; and all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(Pastor)* Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

### **OFFERING**

*Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, particularly during these challenging times, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE**

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.

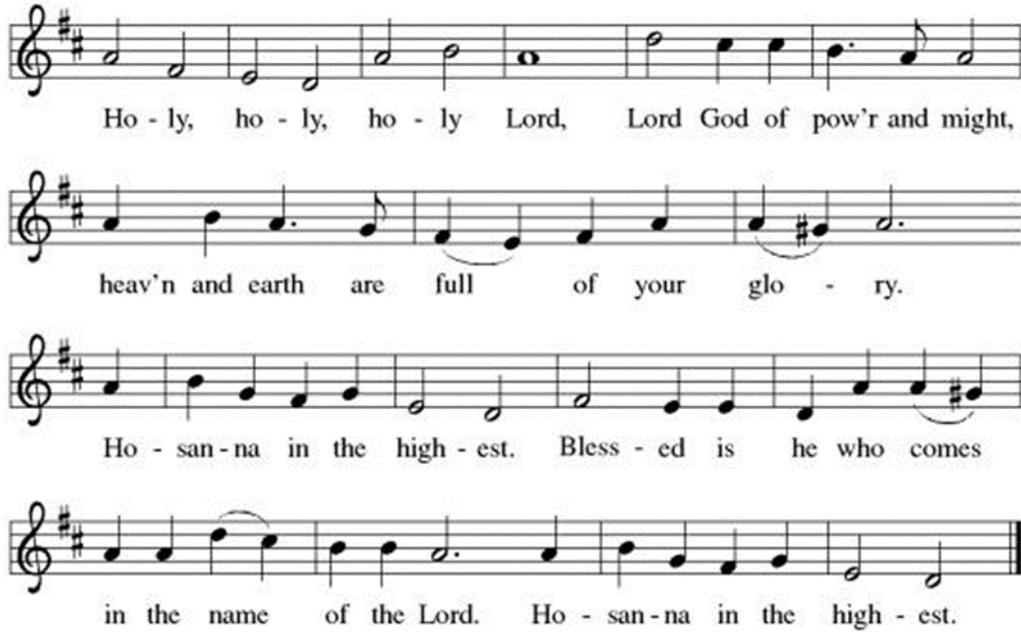
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With Thomas, Oscar, and your holy ones  
of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

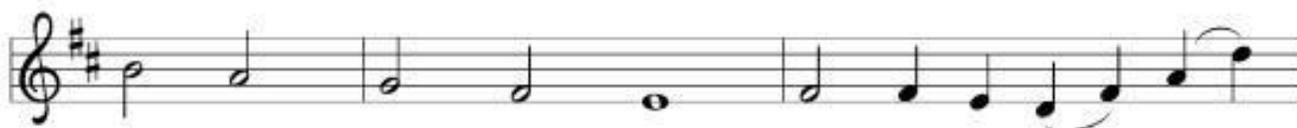
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## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

### DISMISSAL

O God, it is your will  
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,  
and give peace to your church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in this nation,  
peace in our town,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:  
THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: (20 March 2022)**

Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]  
Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]  
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]  
Nancy Fjellstad, Brenda Dugan & granddaughter Chanelle, Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]  
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]  
Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]  
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]  
Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]  
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]  
Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]  
Jim Cahote, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]  
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]  
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]  
Laura Garlock [requested by Darlene Klouda]  
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]  
Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]  
Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]  
Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]  
The Ehrhardt family, Kim Council, Roger Schleef, the Hinsch family, the Fesselmeyer & Pascale families, Jim Flaherty, Carol Pascale, the Schleef family, the Davour and Avelli families, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Martha Hahn, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]  
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]  
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]  
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]  
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Susie Gillen [requested by the Breimann family]  
Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]  
Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]  
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]  
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]  
Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

**THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]  
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]  
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]  
Corporal August Detting  
Major William Fortin

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