

<u>CHRIST CHURCH</u>

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Sunday, March 23, 2025 The Third Sunday in Lent



11:00 am
Traditional Service
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go unto the house of the Lord.'

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.



We are pleased to have Cynthia Roberts-Greene, as our organist at the 11:00 am service this morning.

Visitors who are here for the first time are invited to sign the guest register by the front door in the church Narthex.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation or age, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.



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RightNow Media QR Code

Use the QR code on the left to sign up for all that RightNow Media has to offer our parishioners bible studies, devotionals, and more! More information in the coming weeks!

The Word of God

Penitential Order

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	HYMNAL 699
Jesus, Lover of my s	soul
OPENING ACCLAMATION	BCP p. 351
DECALOGUE	BCP p. 350
CONFESSION OF SIN	BCP p. 352
KYRIE	HYMNAL S-96
	BCP p. 356

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹Moses 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. ²There 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. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When 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." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He 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, 8 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. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 12 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 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."

¹³But 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?" ¹⁴God 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." ¹⁵God 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMNAL 648

When Israel was in Egypt's land

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it

alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON FR. MIKE BRADY
THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM I) BCP p. 383

THE PEACE BCP p. 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP p. 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CHARLES V. STANFORD

O For a Closer Walk With God

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP p. 361

INVITATION

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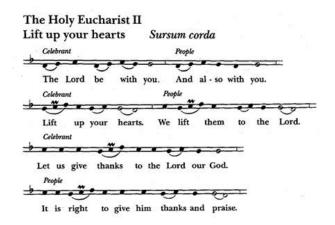
Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed;

Come, not because the church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

SURSUM CORDA BCP p. 361



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	BCP p. 362
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The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei	HYMNAL S-164	
COMMUNION HYMN	HYMNAL 341	
For the bread which you have broken		
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP p. 365	
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CLOSING HYMN: Lord, dismiss us with thy bless	ing HYMNAL 344	
DISMISSAL	BCP p. 366	
POSTLUDE : Postlude in D Minor	ANTON BRUCKNER	

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Rayna Antonelli 3/23 Cheryl Hughes 3/23 Robb Elliott 3/26 Jeanne Jochens 3/26 Hayes Chatham 3/27 Fr Michael Brady 3/28 Linda Braithwaite 3/28 Myrtle Pusey 3/29

Anniversaries This Week

Preston & Priscilla Boyd 3/26

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May the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace

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### **Our Parish Mission Statement**

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."