



# CHRIST CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**



**9:00 am**

**Contemporary 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.*

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



**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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# The Word of God

## Penitential Order

<b>OPENING SONG:</b> <i>Rock of ages, cleft for me</i>	<b>HYMNAL 685</b>
<b>OPENING ACCLAMATION</b>	<b>BCP p. 351</b>
<b>DECALOGUE</b>	<b>BCP p. 350</b>
<b>CONFESSION OF SIN</b>	<b>BCP p. 352</b>
<b>KYRIE</b>	<b>arr. WILLIAM BRADLEY ROBERTS</b>
<b>THE COLLECT OF THE DAY</b>	

*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.*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**DN. BILL PARDY**

Children are invited to come forward  
to the altar for the Children's Sermon.

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>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."

<sup>13</sup>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?" <sup>14</sup>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.'" <sup>15</sup>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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

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

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE SONG: *Lord Have Mercy (v. 3) with Kyrie*    S. MERKEL**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

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

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He 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.’ ”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**FR. MIKE BRADY**

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**BCP p. 358**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM I)**

**BCP p. 383**

**THE PEACE**

**BCP p. 360**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

<b>OFFERTORY SENTENCE</b>	<b>BCP p.376</b>
<b>OFFERTORY SONG: <i>Because He Lives</i></b>	<b>M. MAHER</b>
<b>THE DOXOLOGY</b>	<b>HYMNAL 380, v.3</b>

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)** **BCP p. 361**

**INVITATION** **IONA WORSHIP BOOK**

*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.*

<b>SURSUM CORDA</b>	<b>BCP p. 361</b>
<b>PROPER PREFACE</b>	<b>BCP p. 361</b>
<b>SANCTUS</b>	<b>arr. WILLIAM BRADLEY ROBERTS</b>
<b>WORDS OF INSTITUTION</b>	<b>BCP p. 362</b>
<b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>	<b>BCP p. 363</b>
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>	<b>BCP p. 364</b>

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei*** **ROLAND MARTIN**

**COMMUNION SONGS:**  
*Come to the table* **NYSTROM & CLONINGER**  
*May the road* **PUBLIC DOMAIN**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**  
**BLESSING**  
**CLOSING SONG: *Days of Elijah***  
**DISMISSAL**

**BCP p. 365**  
**BCP p. 366**  
**ROBIN MARK**  
**BCP p. 366**

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY:**

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**Birthdays This Week**

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

**Christ Episcopal Church Prayer List**

Phyllis Anderson	Barry DeMatthews	Kim Stadlin
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Barb Becatti	Gil Doyle	Jim Vonderhaar
Lee Becatti	Henry Fradley	Mark Young
Louis Bellemare	Allen Haile	Nathan Young
Allen Boyce	Susan & Tim Knowles	Sheila Young
Darryll Breaux	Will Knowles	Teri Young
Karen Brosseau	Kevin McNorton	Raul Zuniga
William Burch	Judy Rutt	Jeffrey
Chuck Crossan	Kim Sawyer	Lilly
Maria Crossan	Juliana Seese	Miah
		Todd

**May the Souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace**

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**The Diocese of Southwest Florida**

The Right Reverend Douglas F. Scharf, Bishop, Southwest Florida



*Christ Episcopal Church*  
*(Bradenton, Florida)*

## **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.”