



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, March 20, 2022

The Third Sunday in Lent



*Return to God*

## ABOUT WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF LENT

**Colors:** We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent. (Attribution: <https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/>)

**Seating:** Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to Lent as a season different from all others. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

**Baptismal Font:** The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

**Lectionary:** The lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. This lenten season, with the encouragement of the Bishop and the full endorsement of St. Francis' Worship Committee, our readings come from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Wilda Gafney. Gafney writes that the aim of her lectionary is to "specifically and intentionally make women visible in the lectionary text. This will inevitably seem strange to some hearers or readers. Some will find it welcome and a signifier of inclusion. Some will find it discordant ... My language, like all language, is simply inadequate to express the fullness of God in and beyond the world or even in human creation." If you would like more information about *A Women's Lectionary*, watch the Forum on it led by Rev. Laurie on our YouTube channel or ask at the office for further reading. Questions or comments? Schedule a time to speak with seminarian David Luckes or Rev. Laurie.

**Music:** As a season of fasting and quiet contemplation, our music is scaled back. We open in silent meditation and speak the parts of the mass—Holy, Great Amen and Lamb of God.

At St. Francis we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." If you sit or stand at a different time than others or sing off key, it is all pleasing to the God we worship. All we do and all we are is brought before God as an offering in our Eucharist.

*Bell rings three times to initiate silence. Silence is kept for a time of prayerful reflection.*

*Silence ends when the bell rings one time.*

*Stand as the Presider enters.*

## **A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

Presider            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People             **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider            Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Jesus said, "The first [commandment] is: Hear, O Israel: the Holy One our God, the Holy is One; you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Presider            Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

Presider and people

**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.**

Presider            Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People             **Amen.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of Compassion and God of Grace, who comforts us as a mother comforts her child: Be with all who ache for the reach of your loving embrace in the midst of a broken world; in the name of your Child, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from Genesis.

3:8-21

The woman and the man heard the sound of the Sovereign God walking about in the garden in the breezy part of the day, and the woman and her man hid themselves from

the presence of the Sovereign God among the trees of the garden. Then the Sovereign God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And the man said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself." Then God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree which I commanded you not to eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom you gave to stand with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Sovereign God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Sovereign God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all herd animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat, all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
her offspring will strike your head,  
and you will strike the heel of her offspring."

To the woman God said,

"I will greatly increase your painful toil and your pregnancies;  
in pain shall you birth children,  
and your desire shall be for your man, yet he shall rule with you."

And to the man God said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your woman,  
and have eaten of the tree which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat from it,'  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in painful toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.  
Thorn and thistle shall it grow for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your brow  
shall you eat bread  
until you return to the ground;  
for out of it you were taken,  
you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Sovereign God made garments of skins for the woman and her man, and clothed them.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Sing to the Exalted a / new song;  
sing to the Cre/ator, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Most High, bless her / name;  
proclaim from day to / day her salvation.
- 3 Declare among the nations her / glory,  
among all the peoples, her / marvelous works.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be / glad;  
let the sea roar, a/long with what fill it.
- 12 Let the field exult, and all that is / in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the / forest sing for joy
- 13 before the Wisdom of the Ages; for she is coming,  
for she is coming to judge the / earth.  
She will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peo/ples with her truth.

### ***THE SECOND LESSON***

Reader

A reading from the book of Romans.

8:31-39

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God is the one who did not spare the very Child of God, but rather for all of us, handed the Messiah over. Will not God—with Christ—also give us everything else? Who then will bring any charge against the elect of God? God is the one who justifies. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus, the one who died, moreover the one who was raised and who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

*"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."*

No, in all these things we are completely victorious through the one who loved us. For I

am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor powers-that-be, nor things that are, nor things that will be, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *Stand*

**HEAL ME, HANDS OF JESUS**

**WLP 773**



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

### **THE GOSPEL**

Presider

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

13:14-22

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"Now when you all see this *desolating sacrilege* set up where it ought not to be—let the reader understand—then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. The woman or man on the housetop should not go down or enter the house to take anything out. And the one in the field should not turn back to grab a garment. Woe to those who have a child in womb and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it be not winter. For in those days there will be affliction, of such a kind as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, no, and never will be. And if the Living One had not cut short those days, no flesh would be saved; rather for the sake of the elect, whom God chose, God has cut short those days. And if anyone says to you all at that time, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'Look! There is the Christ!'—do not believe. it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible the elect.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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 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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader With all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Reader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.



Reader 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the leaders of the nations, especially for those involved in securing peace in Ukraine, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our prayer list let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the Departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

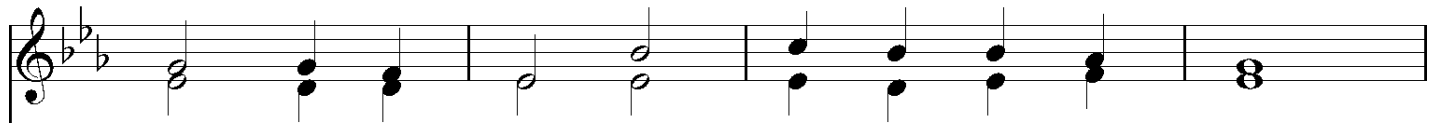
## **PEACE**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

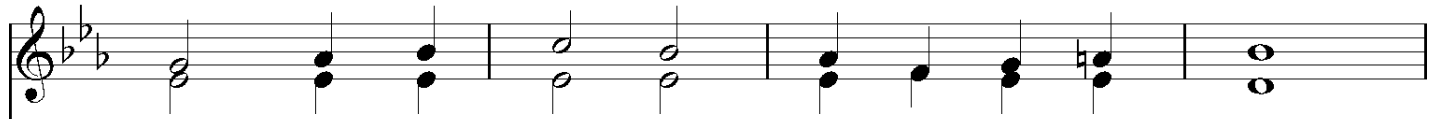
People **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Sit*



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

### OFFERING PRAYER *Stand*

*During the 10:30 worship service, the following is said as the offerings are presented.*

Presider All things come from you, O Lord

People And of your own have we given you.

## **EUCCHARIST**

Presider The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving

himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.  
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.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbling with your God.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

Presider Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

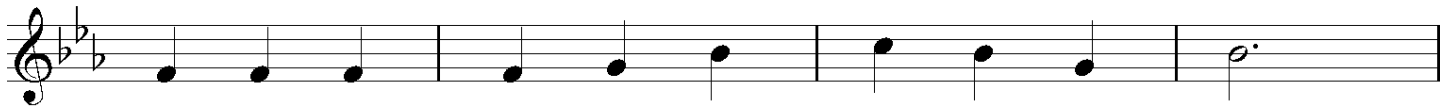
People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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## DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

