

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



Trinity Church
Jacksonville, Illinois

PRELUDE

Two Settings of "Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

Manz and Kauffmann

The Word of God

The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing (H 686)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 319)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

DECALOGUE (BCP p. 317)

All together, the People kneeling

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 319)

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty and most merciful Father,
 we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
 we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
 we have offended against thy holy laws,
 we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
 and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
 But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
 spare thou those who confess their faults,
 restore thou those who are penitent,
 according to thy promises declared unto mankind
 in Christ Jesus our Lord;
 and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
 that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 91 *Lord, have mercy upon us*
(Willan) (BCP p. 324)

The following is sung, all standing

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why

did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Said by alternating whole verse.

Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

²*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

⁴*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **
and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

⁸*Harden not your hearts,*
*as your forebears did in the wilderness, **
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

⁹They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
¹⁰*Forty years long I detested that generation and said, **
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”
¹¹So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in
our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our
sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces
character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed,
rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone
might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were
sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were
enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received
reconciliation.

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

All stand.

THE TRACT

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens:
Have mercy upon us, o Lord, have mercy upon us.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a

woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”
²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,
²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the
Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to
them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one
another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My
food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say,
‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see
how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is
gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here
the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which
you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony,
“He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they
asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed
because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said
that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior
of the world.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON - FR. ZACH BROOKS

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 383) (Form I)

Celebrant: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

All kneel.

Lector: 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 **Brian, Sean, Sarah, Carlos, Christopher, and Zachary**, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President Donald, for our Governor JB, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially **Bentley, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Mia, and Rankin**, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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, especially **Camryn and Rob**, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially **Maryjane and Fr. Zach**, 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.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and of all 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 (BCP p. 332)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

CHOIR ANTHEM

Psalm 95: A Song for Singing

C. Kirby

OFFERTORY HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say (The Third Tune) (H 692)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

- in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

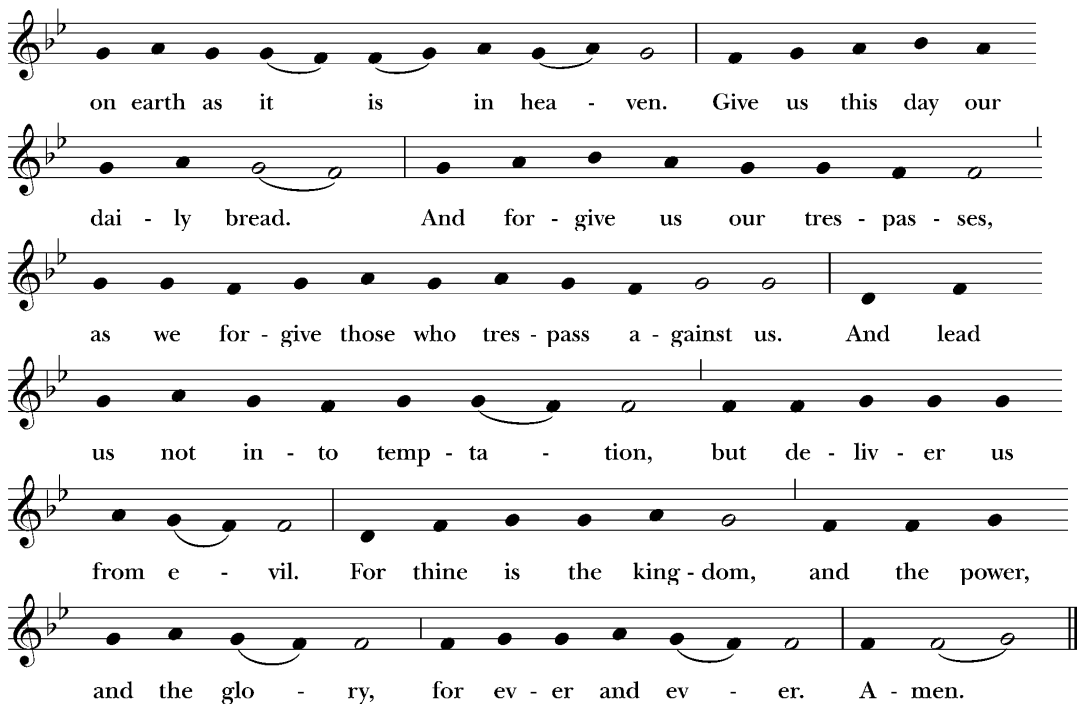
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)*
(Plainsong/Douglas) (BCP p. 336)

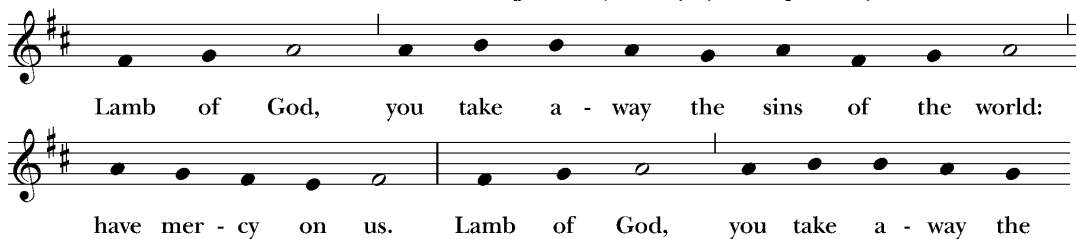
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,



on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd)* (BCP p. 337)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda) (H 690)

POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. C. Schalk

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INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

The Church

The Diocese of Springfield	Brian, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Sean, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East	
St. John the Baptist (Elkhart)	Christopher, Interim Rector
Mbeta Parish (Tanzania)	

Birthdays

Maryjane Bradbury (3/12)

Baptism

Fr. Zachary Brooks

Those on active military duty and in law enforcement

Bentley Clayton	Cail Lang	Courtland Woodruff
Levi Haley	Rankin Weller	Mia Yamada

For those who suffer from any sickness or distress

Camryn Rob

MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Rev. Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant
Organist: Mary Wilson
Lector: Cathy Nelson
Acolyte: Clayton Robb
Altar Guild: Pat Bone, Ginda Woodruff & Pat Wright
Ushers: Bob Hardwick & Jim Herget
Coffee Hour: Hardwick & Herget Families

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Tuesday, March 10: 11:30 am ECW Salad Lunch

Wednesday, March 11: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 15:

THE 4th SUNDAY in LENT (Feast of our Lord)

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Breakfast for Women & Girls
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist
Church School

Morning Prayer is said at 10 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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