

Lent III



The Third Sunday of Lent
March 8th, 2026
Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Upcoming Concerts!

A poster for a St. Patrick's Day concert. It features a dark green background with a decorative border of green shamrocks and vines. The text is in gold and white. A golden harp is positioned to the right of the performers' names.

Holy Cross Music Ministry's
St. Patrick's Day
Concert

An evening of Irish music with:
Monika Durbin (harp & piano),
Victor Andzulis (fiddle),
& The Holy Cross Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 15th, 5pm

A poster for a concert titled 'The Way of Sorrows'. The background is a dark purple, textured fabric. A large, ornate silver crucifix is on the right side. The text is in a white, gothic-style font.

The Way of Sorrows

Join the Chancel Choir for a concert
exploring and reflecting
on the themes
found in the Stations of the Cross.
Follow Christ's journey
to the cross and grave
through music, scripture, and prayer.

6pm Friday, April 3rd



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Your Great Name”

Opening Hymn 143: “The Glory of these Forty Days”

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever!**

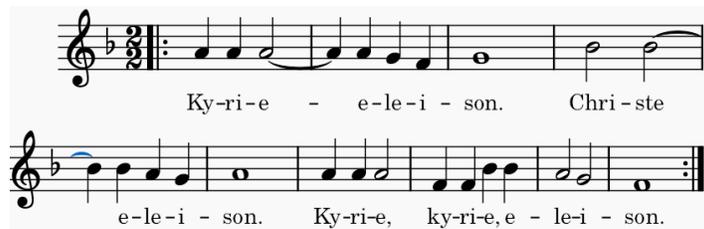
The Confession *Altogether*

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.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Kyrie:



The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Exodus 17:1-7*

From 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. The 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?” But 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?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The 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. I 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. He 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 95 (*Read responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Come, 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.
- 3 For 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.
- 5 The 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.
- 7 For 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.**
- 9 They 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.”**
- 11 So I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

Sequence Hymn: “Living Waters”

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters
There's a river that flows with mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters!*

The Gospel Reading: *John 4:5-42*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The 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.) Jesus 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but 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." The 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." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just 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?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told

me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They 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." The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message: "*The Joy of Samaria*" (The Rev. Rob Dixon)

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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*

(**"catholic"* means universal)

Prayers of the People

Have mercy on us, O God, and, in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all of God's people. Wash us through and through, *And cleanse us of our sin.*

In this season of Lent, we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent, be transformed, and grow closer to you, Lord Christ. Create in us clean hearts, *And renew a right spirit within us.*

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Guide them to seek the common good and make just decisions, according to your will. Purge us from our sin, *And we shall be pure.*

We pray for those who hunger or thirst, for those who cry out for justice or live under the threat of terror, and for those who are without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of your joy and gladness, *That those who are broken may rejoice.*

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and who are lonely. We pray for all who are on our church's prayer list – *silence.* Give them the joy of your saving help, *And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

We pray for those who have died - *Silence* - and for all who have entered into the land of your abiding peace. We commend them to your loving presence, *And ask you to comfort all who mourn. Amen*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: “Let there be Peace on Earth”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, family all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace, eternally. let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me!*

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S-129

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

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

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 Hymn: “Rise” (See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Goodness of God” (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 680: “O God our Help in Ages Past”

The Dismissal



**NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY
FROM JESUS’ TABLE**

As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am Chalice Bearer: Kathy Bleeker. Readers: Hunter Walker, Isabelle Peterson

10:30am: Acolytes: Grace Andrew, Andrew Momany. Ambassador: Clay Coleman. Chalice Bearers: Miya May, Laurie White. Readers: Steve Lukow, Lucy Brabham.

Home Communion Volunteers:
Roslyn Guyette & Luke Umbreit

Your Sermon Notes



This week's playlist!

Prayer List

Prayer

Barbara Coats, Marguerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, Audrey and Robert Westbrook, Benny Kingsley, the people of Cuba, Willie Mae Norris, Barbara Danielsen, Cindy Skeen.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie

Neville, James Madden, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimaudo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, Taylor Knueven

Repose of the Soul

Marie Marshall, Brigette Birkes

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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Communion Hymn: "Rise"

*Your love will never fail You're steadfast
Your promises are true You're faithful
You cover all my sins with forgiveness
My eyes have seen Your ways Your goodness*

*Love and faithfulness meet, we behold Your glory
Righteousness and peace kiss, heaven's all around us
Spring up O well, Living Water rise within us
Spring up O well, Holy Spirit deep within us*

Communion Hymn: "Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mer-cy nev - er fails me. All my days
You have led me through the fi - re. In dark-est nights,
I've been held in Your hands From the mo - ment that I wake up, un - til I lay
You are close like no oth - er I've known You as a Fa - ther, I've known You as
my head I will sing of the good-ness of God. All my life You have been faith - ful!
a friend. I have lived in the good-ness of God.
All my life You have been so, so good. With ev - 'ry breath that I am a - ble. I will sing,
of the good-ness of God I love Your voice, Your good-ness is run-ning af - ter it's
run-ning af - ter me. Your good-ness is run-ning af - ter it's run-ning af - ter me. With my life
laid down, I'm sur-ren-dered now; I give You ev - 'ry thing. Your good-ness is run-ning af - ter it's
run-ning af - ter me!

