

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist



**Welcome to Grace Parish!** We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

**Visitors, we would like to meet you!** Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

# The Third Sunday in Lent



**10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II**

Prelude

Pavel Petrov

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn 401

*Leoni*

“The God of Abraham praise ”

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Kyrie S86(Blue Hymnal)

David Hurd

### Collect of the Day

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.**

### First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Bobbi Patterson

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. 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. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” 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.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” 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.

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, 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. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” 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.”

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?” 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.'” 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.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 63:1-8** *Deus, Deus meus*

Anglican Chant

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

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

**The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** Lucie Pelleriti

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

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 574 St. Petersburg

"Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

**The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9** The Rev. Susan Scranton

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

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

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sunday School Sermon Presentation Heather Moore & Children

Sermon The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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**Prayers of the People** - Form IV (BCP p. 388) Donte Apperwhite

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*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.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Blessing** (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Matthew Prins

“Two and Three”

Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet

Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1

Old 124th

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

**Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

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Sanctus & Benedictus S124

David Hurd

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem: S161

David Hurd

Invitation to Communion

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*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)*

Communion Hymn 309

*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

"O Food to pilgrims given"

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 344

*St. Flavian*

"Lord, who through-out these forty days"

The Dismissal

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Postlude

Pavel Petrov

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group Meeting** - March 23 after the 10 AM service.

**Adopt-a-Lunch** - March 23. If you would like to donate food items for sandwiches and lunches for Union Station, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please see Debbie Pullen if you have any questions.

**Sherry McKeithen Memorial** - March 23 at 2 PM. There will be a reception following the service. All are welcome!

### Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,

Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior  
Warden

Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,  
Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,  
Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice



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Thank you!

## Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant ..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Miles Bresee  
Lectors ..... Bobbi Patterson, Janet Kawamoto, Donte Apperwhite  
Acolyte..... Ethan Seielstad, Mitchell Patterson, McKenna Parra  
Choirmaster ..... David Aldrete  
Organist ..... Pavel Petrov  
Flower Guild..... Todd & Nancy Rice  
Altar Guild ... Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,  
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge  
Hymn Board Manager ..... Trevor Barcelo  
Ushers ..... Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur  
GEC Stream Team..... Mizuki Williamson, Karen Williamson  
Vestry Person of the Week ..... Janet Kawamoto

### Prayer List

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune,  
Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Jessica Moran,  
Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Penelope Burger, Don Dexter,  
Chris Maletz, Candace, Nancy Rice, Jerry Fastrup, Jerry Seielstad,  
Jerry F.

**For strength & guidance:** Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna,  
Steve & Debra Clune, those affected by the fires

**For those who have died:** Sherry McKeithen, Debra Rainey

**For those in mourning:** Pat Meyer & Family, McElyea Family, Green  
family, Rainey family

**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,  
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,  
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy,  
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

**For Safety in Travel:** Neil and Michelle

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

8 – Marylen Hart  
9 – John Boyd  
16 – Debbi England

18 – Mitchell Patterson  
18 – Morgan Patterson  
19 – Matthew Boyd  
19 - Joe Goetz

22 - Rosann Kindt  
25 – The Rev. Susan Scranton  
26 – Jacqueline Stong