



**St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Third Sunday in Lent – March 23, 2025**

(Silent Procession)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His Mercy Endures forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Trisagion – #S-102

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Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-15)

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."

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 63

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (10:1-13)

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.

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Gospel Hymn #685 "Rock of Ages"

*Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side that flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Luke (13:1-9)

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Response

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me a sinner.

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The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 man.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: That we might become the story we tell, trusting in God's steadfast love, and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered, let us pray to the Lord as we say, "Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all followers of Christ, praying this day with the Body of Christ throughout the world, That in our words, worship, and work we will honour the covenant made with God in baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Richard, Gerardo and Barry, our Priests, and for all clergy; That they may be faithful pastors during this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For the nations and peoples of the earth, especially Donald our President, Ronald our governor and all those who govern; And that we may be led by the Spirit to serve as a sign and instrument of the Kingdom that has come near, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who will commit and recommit their lives to Christ this Easter in the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation, and for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal. That may become living proclamations of the good news, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who have no choice but to fast every day, for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters. For the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation and to God alone. That our Lenten fasting may make our thoughts more aware of them, our hearts and hands more generous toward them, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: Let us remember the dead, (*especially...*), and that God's Spirit will bear up all who mourn, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray for peace throughout the world, and for our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe. We pray especially for those in service who are members of our congregation, and their families: Trent Polinsky, Skyler Ellis, Danny Taylor, Ryan Cesa, Zack Pierce, Matt Jacoby, Joanne Frioli, Caden Watson, Daniel Watson, Courtney Austin, Christopher Austin, James Dunlap, Luke Gibson, Kelley Fairchild and Shayne Dunlap.

We pray for all Doctors, Nurses, and healthcare workers.

We pray for Christians everywhere who face persecution.

We pray for our parish, the body of Christ throughout the world, united in worship here in our sanctuary and at home.

We pray for the members of our parish in need of your healing: the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Dante Balzano, Pat Goodin, Irmgard Colter, and Nancy Mullikin.

We pray for our friends and family in need of your healing.

Are there others for whom we need to pray?

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister & 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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: *And also with you.***

Announcements

Offertory

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

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Song "I Surrender All"

*All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him, I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.*

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow.
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.*

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine.
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy pow'r divine.*

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessings fall on me.*

*I surrender all,
I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

Presentation Hymn #149

"Eternal Lord of Love"

Eternal Lord of love,
behold your Church
walking once more the
pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day,

by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

All: *And of thy own have we given thee.*

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.***

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

All together Say: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

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People: *Have mercy on us.*

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People: *Grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: 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 Song BB7

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.*

I want to see you.

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*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.*

I want to see you,

I want to see you.

*To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your pow’r and love
as we sing “Holy, holy, holy”*

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but

not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

(silence)

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn #344

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel’s joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth
may we be found;*

*so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
Glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with
thee in endless day.*

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

