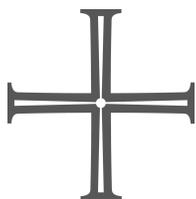


*We all search in the wrong place for refreshment,
lugging home water which gives out or goes bad;
we continuously need more water;
we are always somewhat thirsty.
We thought to find water there, down at the stream,
and were surprised to find it here, directly before us.
Turning around, we find a water source we had not even imagined.
Baptism, says the church, is this water source, this fountain of God,
this conversation with Christ, this gift of self-knowledge,
this sense of mission, this true religious rite, this conversion of life.*

Gail Ramshaw, theologian, 1994

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026, 10:00 AM



PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN **ELW 335** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
The assembly stands.

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the ways we turn from God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

For admiring power that corrupts over humility that serves:
Gracious God, **turn us again to you.**

For distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God, **turn us again to you.**

For not loving our neighbors as ourselves:
Gracious God, **turn us again to you.**

For our indifference to injustice and cruelty:
Gracious God, **turn us again to you.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,
you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.
Give us this water always.
Bring us to drink from the well
that flows with the beauty of your truth
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

The hymn is sung twice.



Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

¹ 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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

*² Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.*

³ For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

*⁴ In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.*

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

7 For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

8 "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

9 There your ancestors tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

11 Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Refrain

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

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

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. **8** But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. **9** Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. **10** For 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. **11** But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷ 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?” ²⁸ Then 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?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 611** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church.
Give to all your servants the endurance that produces character
and the hope that will never disappoint.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth.
Send water to places languishing with drought,
and bring relief to places damaged by floods.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts.
Quell hostilities between nations and peoples,
and reconcile all humans across all lines that divide.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs.
Send water and food to all who need nourishment.
Grant welcome to all who are excluded.
Show your mercy to any in need.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit.
Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make
and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you.
We remember all who have entered eternal rest,
and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Signs of peace are exchanged.

The assembly is seated for announcements.



GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God.
Monetary gifts may be made with the QR code.*

Spirit, Open My Heart, Ruth Duck, Irish melody

Then, the assembly stands. The hymn is sung twice.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff in G major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER

God our provider,
**you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

**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

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome! In Holy Communion, we meet a gracious God at a table where all are welcome and Jesus is host. The words “given and shed for you” are a proclamation of good news, sustaining us in our baptized life.

The assembly is invited to sing.

ELW 744 *Lord, Be Glorified*

ELW 777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

**Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith,
as we are being rooted and grounded in love,
strengthened by the Spirit,
and filled with all the fullness of God.

And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 419** *For All the Faithful Women*, vs. 1, 8, 2, last

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please take this paper with you or place it in the basket at the exit.

Announcements

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays 7:00 PM beginning 2/25
Deepen your prayer life during Lent with the theme, "Love Outpoured," with quiet, midweek services meant to center us ahead of Easter.

Easter Flower Orders

By 3/19

Beautify the worship space for Easter celebrations by dedicating flowers! Forms can be found in the entryway, newsletter, and online!

Ronald McDonald House

By 3/28

This year's Lenten drive is collecting individually wrapped snacks, travel toiletries, and small activity items for families walking with children at Stony Brook hospital. For a full list, see the flyer in the entryway.

Women's Communion Breakfast

Sign up on the bulletin board: 3/28

Women of multiple congregations will come together at Calvary for worship with Bishop Foster preaching and a meal catered from Farm to Table.

This Week at Calvary

Today, 3/8
youth group, 6:00 PM

Monday, 3/9
Council zoom, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, 3/10
10:30 AM, Bible Study Zoom

Wednesday, 3/11
7:00 PM, evening prayer

Sunday, 3/15
10:00 AM, Worship

Holy Week

Women's Communion, 3/28, 9 AM

Palm Sunday, 3/29, 10 AM

Soup Supper, 4/2, 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday, 4/2, 7:30 PM

Good Friday, 4/3, 12 Noon & 7:30 PM

Church decorating, 4/4, 9:00 AM

Easter Vigil, 4/4 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, 4/5 10:00 AM



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Today's Leaders

Mady Riedell *altar guild*
Bob LaRocco & Erich Schwarz *ushers*
Eva Decker, Bill & Daisy Bushman *tellers*
Paul Elsener *organ & piano*
Patrick Silk *vocalist*
Ellen Hoffman & Dcn. Bob Lewis *assisting minister*
The Rev. Zachary Dean *presiding minister and preacher*

In Our Prayers

To add or remove names, please notify the church office.

Art Schaeffler; Isabela Delgado (Cheryl Gittens); **Agnes Mulick, Ruth Elsener** (Paul Elsener); **Teri D'Amico** (Laura Aupperle); **Eileen Hausle; Grayson Danielski** (Colleen Oriano); **Jay Kamean, Kwok Mak, Olivia Carone** (Jackie Narkiewicz); **John Stuerzel; Ed DiMarco; Seminarian June Bradshaw; Jennifer Hubbard** (Pat Sheridan); **Gail Riedell, Diane Toto, Nicholas** (Mady Riedell and Bob Munder); **Kim Lauricella, John Malley** (Paula DePaul); **Aleya Warner** (Barbara Morecraft); **J.R. Hoffman, Ellen Thompson** (Ellen Hoffman); **E.J. Beach, Barbara Hansen, Jim and Keith Hansen** (Marion Arnecke); **Carol Manganaro** (Lewis family); **Beverly Strada-Bushley, Brooklyn Reed, Holli Phillips** (Pam Vanek); **Larry Shen** (Bob LaRocco); **Patty Cesaro; Easton Clarke** (Dianne Davis); **Holly Schank; Kathy Fuchs, Judy Boyle** (Patty Cesaro); **Nitza Greco** (Jeannine Comito); **Mark Dyer; Eileen Walter; June Buttner-Stransky, Heather Williams** (Holly Schank); **Sal Oliveri** (DiVilio family); **Ray Jackson; Doris Peterson**

Visited at Home

Larry Bomgardner, Paul Chmara, Marion Arnecke, David Catchpole, Arlene Pisano, Janine and Mel Smith, Doris DeVoe, Flo Walsh, Joann Hansen

In the Military

Thomas Juliano; William Downey, Jr. (Einsfeld); **Kyle Satterwhite** (Dyer); **Tram Walter**

Ministries & Organizations

Hauppauge Fire Department; United Lutheran Seminary; Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Ministries; Metropolitan New York Synod