



The absence of God ... is often so deeply felt that it leads to a new sense of God's presence.  
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Reaching Out

**ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent**  
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\*BCP=BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER [BLUE]

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

*Stand as you are able*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION FOR LENT**

**Celebrant**      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People**          *His mercy endures forever.*

## **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.**

## **THE TRISAGION** [*say three times*]

***Holy God, Holy and Might Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.***

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Remain standing or kneel as you are able*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Give ear to our prayers, O Lord, and direct the way of your servants in safety under your protection, that, amid all the changes of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be guarded by your mighty aid; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **THE LESSONS**

*Be seated*

### **The First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1–2,5–9**

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** ***Thanks be to God.***

*The Psalm will be recited in unison.*

**Psalm 78:1–6**

*1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

*2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.*

*3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.*

*4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.*

*5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;*

*6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children.*

**THE GOSPEL**

**Gospeller**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People**          *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**Matthew 5:17–19**

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

**Gospeller**      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**          *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Stand as you are able*

*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.*

**INVITATION TO THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [FORM IV]** *Remain standing or kneel as you are able*  
*The Reader leads prayer; the People respond as indicated:*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land (especially Donald, our president, and Greg, our governor) and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; including all brave civilian and military personnel serving our country (especially Amos, Isabelle, Phillip, Scott, Brian, Russell, Travis, Joe, Jacob, Christine, Christopher, Raymond, Marshall, Jason, Christine, Trev, Weston, and Mark); that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially those on our parish prayer list); and remembering our brothers and sisters who risk their lives to share your gospel, and those known in our hearts, either silently shared or spoken aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died (especially Jim Slaughter, father of Pat Beachy), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People say together*

***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.***

### THE ABSOLUTION

**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.***

*Stand as you are able*

**Welcome & Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

### **Celebrant**

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

*The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Celebrant** All things come from Thee, O Lord.

**People** *Of thine own have we given thee.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C]

**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 our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues; the People respond as indicated:*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



## THE SANCTUS

*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 CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD & THE WINE

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**Celebrant** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant and People say together*

*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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Celebrant** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People say together*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

#### THE SOLEMN PRAYER

#### THE RECESSIONAL

*Stand as you are able*

#### THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*