



THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2021

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

TRISAGION *(spoken three times)*

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Reader The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Reader Let us pray.

Celebrant

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 LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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 GOSPEL

Gospeler 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND JIM COOK, ASSISTING PRIEST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Reader Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially those suffering from COVID-19, those caring for them, and those working on treatments. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those on the prayer list of our parish, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work.

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OFFERTORY SONG

DOXOLOGY

The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

*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.*

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.*

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Celebrant and People say together

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER FOR LENT III

Celebrant

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Reverend Jim Cook, Assisting Priest* | Reader: *Patti Peacock*
Choral Vocalists: *Deborah Harvill-Ash & Larry Ash, Jeanne & Don Grantham, Peggie & Jon Klema*
Lighthouse Band: *Clarissa Chui, Glen Meloy, Kevin Phillips, Susan Rollins, Roy Wheeler*
Worship Support: *Kelsey Cooper, Barbara Frazzell, LoriAnn Lavallee, Anne Morley, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Contact office@stlukesonthelake.org to add yourself or a loved one to this list.
Names remain on this list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.
Names of those who have died are read during Prayers of the People for two weeks.

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, especially:

These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country: Amos, Brian, Christine F., Christine M., Christopher, Isabelle, Jacob, Jason, Mark, Marshall, Phillip, Raymond, Russell, Scott, Travis, Weston.

These Members and Loved Ones Who Are COVID-19 Heroes: Anna, April, Aurelia, Bethany, Beau, Brenda, Brett, Christine, Daryl, Dennis, Dustin, Elizabeth, Jason, Jenny, Jim, Laura, Lucia, Michelle, Niki, Noël, Pito, Rick & Wendy, Riley, Ryan, Sherry, Sterling, Tamara.

Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us: Allen, Allison, Ann, Becky, Beverly, Bob, Breese, Caitlin, Carol, Carol & Ross, Carolyn, Cathy, Chris G., Chris M., Christy and David, Craig, Dana, Donnie, Eleanor, Elle & Jared, Elizabeth, George, Hester, Jack, Joan, JoAnne, John F., John H., John & Suzy, Karen, Karen K., Kay, Julia & Jack, Kelly, Kimberley, Kitty, Kristi, Marilyn, Mark, Margaret, Mary, Mary Alice, Nelle, Pam, Pat, Rachel, Raymond & Margaret, Tom, Tommye, the Clement Family, the Labit Family, the Roberts Family, the Watson Family.

Those Who Have Died: Karen Horton, sister of Allen Griswold; Bill Johnson, husband of Tommye Johnson.

All St. Luke's Ministry and Mission Partners, including our St. Luke's workers in the field: K & K & children, V.B..