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### Serving This Week

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Caleb Hart, *Pianist*  
James Hart, *Guitar and Vocals*  
Cathy Jones, *Refreshments*  
Laura Williams and Cathy Jones,  
*Stewards*

### In Our Prayers

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Eleanor Loyd, Nancy Jones, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, Troy Warlick, and Ethleen Bazzell.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our companion dioceses of Alaska and the Virgin Islands and their bishops Mark and Ambrose; for the Vocare Steering Committee; the Happening Steering Committee; for Grace Church in Anniston; and for Grace Church in Pike Road.



*I believe in  
the Episcopal  
Church, and  
I love it!*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Twenty-eighth Day of February  
In the Year of Our Lord 2016

*A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.*

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## Holy Eucharist: Rite One

### Gathering of the People

*The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer. Please note that we are using service music from the Hymnal during the Season of Lent.*

Piano Prelude	
Words of Peace	
Processional <i>Kind Maker of the World</i>	<i>Hymn 152</i>
Penitential Acclamation	Page 323, BCP
The Collect for Purity	
Holy God <i>Trisagion</i>	<i>Hymn S-102</i>

### The Liturgy of the Word

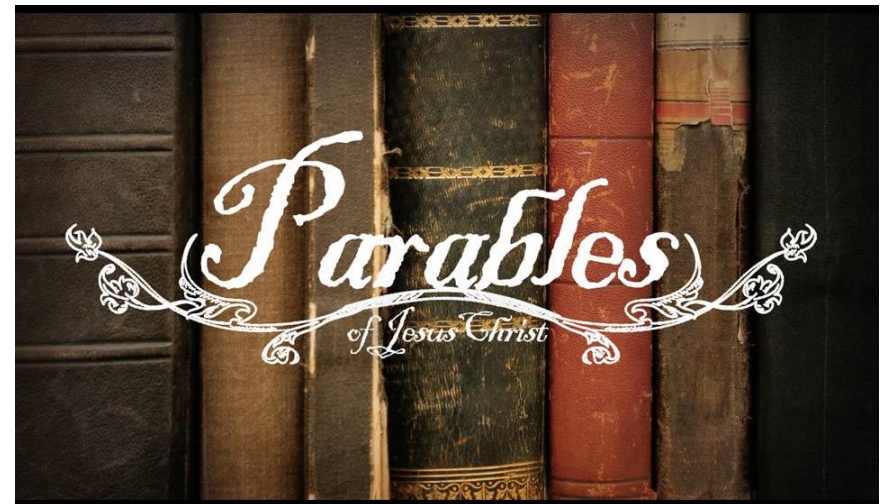
*We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.*

Salutation <i>(And with thy spirit)</i>	Page 325, BCP
Collect of the Day	Scripture Sheet
Old Testament <i>Exodus 3:1-15</i>	Scripture Sheet
Psalm 63:1-8 <i>Deus, Deus meus</i>	Scripture Sheet
Epistle <i>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</i>	Scripture Sheet
Sequence <i>What Wondrous Love is This</i>	<i>Hymn 439</i>
Gospel Lesson <i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	Scripture Sheet
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	Page 326, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form I	Page 328, BCP
Confession of Sin	Page 330, BCP
Absolution and Comfortable Words	Page 332, BCP
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory	

### Holy Communion

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings <i>The Doxology</i>	<i>Hymn 380:3</i>
Eucharistic Prayer I	Page 333, BCP
Holy, Holy, Holy <i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymn S-113</i>
Consecration of the Elements	
The Lord's Prayer <i>Traditional</i>	Page 336, BCP
The Breaking of the Bread	
O Lamb of God <i>Agnus Dei</i>	<i>Hymn S-158</i>
Communion <i>All are welcome at the Lord's Table</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	Page 339, BCP
Blessing	
Recessional <i>Before Thy Throne, O God</i>	<i>Hymn 574</i>
Dismissal	
Piano Postlude	

### Sunday School is Going Great!



**The Parables of Jesus** are the subject of our Sunday School class this season. This morning we discussed the parable that Jesus tells about the fig tree—our Gospel lesson for today! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the Little House for stimulating grown-up conversation about important stuff. Peace, Wells+



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.



### Gospel *Luke 13:1-9*

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.'"

## LESSONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### The Collect

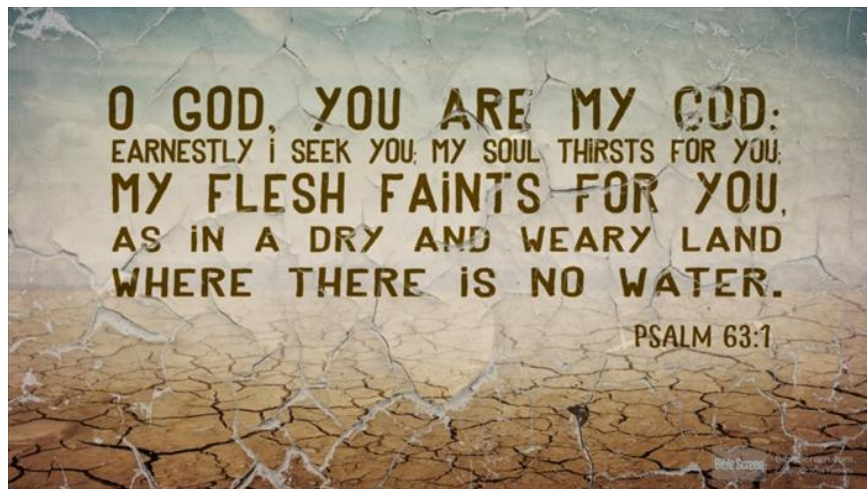
Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament *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."



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

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.*

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
*that I might behold your power and your glory.*

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
*my lips shall give you praise.*

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
*and lift up my hands in your Name.*

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
*and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,*

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
*and meditate on you in the night watches.*

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

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

### Epistle 1 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