

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

From the Call to Confession

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Instructed Morning Prayer  
March 24, 2019, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the appointed order for Morning Prayer, Rite One, beginning on page 37 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

**Processional Hymn: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*.....Hymn 439**

*The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*I John 1:8, 9*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have  
done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober  
life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Remaining standing we will chant Psalm 95 with antiphon together.  
Please refer to the back of the bulletin for more information.*

Psalm 95: Traditional *Venite, exultemus*

*The congregation may be seated. Psalm 63 is read responsively by half verse*

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

- 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.

*In unison*

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.

# The Lessons

## The First Lesson – Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand to recite Canticle 14 responsively by half verse.*

**Canticle 14 – A Song of Penitance**      *Kyrie Pantokrator*  
*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,\*  
**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,**  
**and of all their righteous offspring:**

You made the heavens and the earth,\*  
**with all their vast array.**

All things quake with fear at your presence;\*  
**they tremble because of your power.**

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;\*  
**it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.**

O Lord, you are full of compassion,\*  
**long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.**

You hold back your hand;\*  
**you do not punish as we deserve.**

In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,\*  
**that they may repent of their sin and be saved.**

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,\*  
**and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.**

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,\*  
**and I know my wickedness only too well.**

Therefore I make this prayer to you:\*  
**Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.**

Do not let me perish in my sin,\*  
**nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.**

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,\*  
**and in me you will show forth your goodness.**

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy,\*  
**and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.**

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,\*  
**and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

*The People sit for the second lesson.*

## The Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 7 – We Praise Thee *Te Deum laudamus*

*The people stand to recite Canticle 7 in unison.*

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth  
acknowledge thee,

the Father, of an infinite majesty,

thine adorable, true, and only Son,

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints,

in glory everlasting.

*The People are seated. In the liturgy of Morning Prayer, the Gospel is read as another lesson, without procession.*

## The Third Lesson – Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officant and People together, all standing*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

*The Officant says the following after which the People greet each other in the Name of the Lord.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### The Offering

Hymn - *As the Deer Pants for the Water (remain seated)*.....SH 95

Presentation - The Doxology (*we stand*).....380:3

# The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel*

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.

*Then follows the versides and responses, starting with the Leader.*

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
R. As our trust is in thee.  
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R. Let me never be confounded.

## The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day

we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including **Brian Hudson, Jere Van Etten, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Laura Foss, John Haynie, Andy Stricker, Mike Oniffrey, Rachel Meeks, Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, David Hodges**, the victims of Cyclone Idai in Africa, and the others we now name silently or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose.

We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem.

We pray for the Department of Mission and Outreach and for the Companion Diocese Commission.

## A Prayer for Our Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Officiant continues alone*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one  
accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and  
hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in  
the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and  
petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in  
this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come  
life everlasting. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*.....648

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Arnold returns! We are delighted to report that The Rev. Arnold A. Bush will serve as our supply priest next Sunday, March 31. Arnold served as priest here at Epiphany (he always preferred the term “pastor”) during 2011-12. It will be great to see him again.

Join us next Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am in the Little House. Mike Harber will continue with his second of three discussions on *People of the Way*, by Dwight J Zscheile.

**Serving at Epiphany this week:**

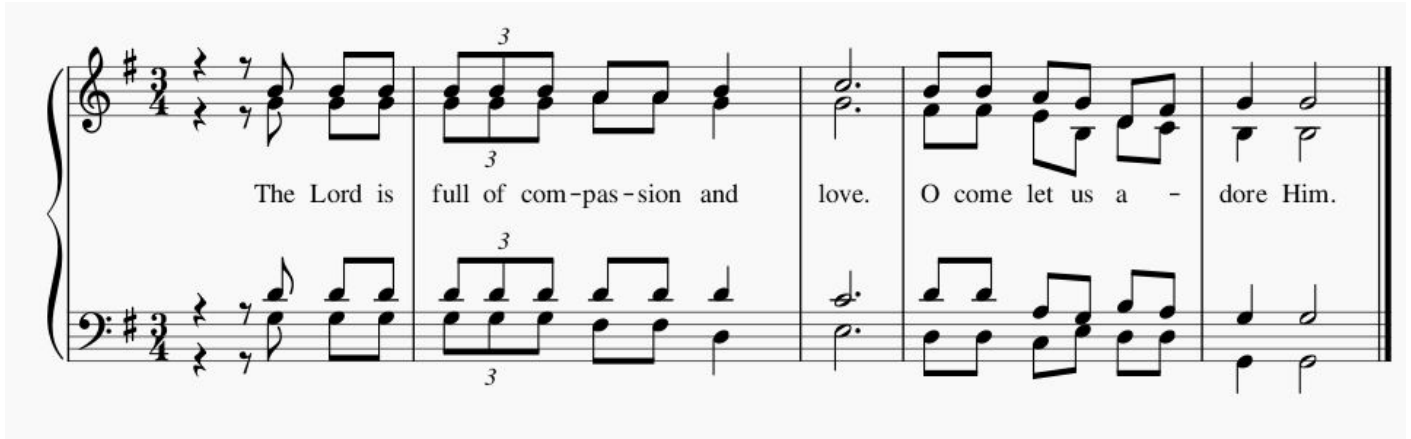
Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Altar Guild: Lee Borden  
Lay Reader: Lee Borden  
Officiant: Mike Harber  
Refreshments: John and Kathy Haynie

**And next:**

Ushers: To be determined  
Altar Guild: Dana Barlow  
Lay Reader: Laura Williams  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden  
Officiant: Dana Barlow  
Refreshments: Pam and Jere Van Etten

## Chanting Psalm 95

Here is the Antiphon. The full chant tune appears as S 179 in the Hymnal (by Battishill).



### Antiphon

O come, let us | sing un- • to the | Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.  
Let us come before his | presence • with thanks | giving, \*  
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

### Antiphon

For the Lord | is a • great | God, \*  
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.  
In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth, \*  
and the strength of the | hills is | his | also.  
\*\*The sea is | his • and he | made it, \*  
and his hands pre- | pared the | dry | land.

### Antiphon

O come, let us | worship • and fall | down \*  
and kneel be- | fore the | Lord our | Maker.  
For he is the | Lord our | God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture and the | sheep | of his | hand.

### Antiphon

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden | not your | hearts \*  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temp- | tation • in the | wil-der | ness;  
When your | fathers • tempted | me, \*  
proved | me, and | saw my | works.

### Antiphon

Forty years long was I grieved with this gener- | ation, • and | said, \*  
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for | they have • not | known my | ways;  
Unto whom I | swear • in my | wrath, \*  
that they should not enter | into | my | rest.

### Antiphon

\*\* Here we will use the second half of the chant tune.