

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we come to the water of Christ, let us earnestly pray to God who gives drink to all who thirst.

Reader: For God's people throughout the world, and for those who gather in the name of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

For our catechumen(s) and their sponsors(s).

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering especially Father David, Tiffany Turner, Leah Byrne, and Jo Ferrario and for all those in danger and need, and for those who hunger and thirst.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering especially expectant parents Rachel and Scott, Emmanuelle and Austin Ledger and for our city and community, and for all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Simon, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of Israel, who made us an everlasting covenant. Receive the prayers we offer this day for us in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory **Open the Eyes of my heart** **P Baloché**

Presentation **The Doxology**

**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**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C
BCP, p. 369

Sanctus **The Hymnal 1982 S~125**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP, p. 364**

The Breaking of the Bread
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Communion Hymn What wonderous love it this
The Hymnal 1982 #439

Post Communion Prayer **BCP, p. 366**

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: We send you forth with these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

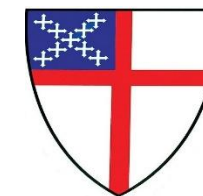
People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing by the Celebrant

Closing Hymn Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
The Hymnal 1982 #344

Dismissal
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Engleberg" By, Charles Villiers Stanford



St. Simon's on the Sound
Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Third Sunday of Lent * March 23, 2025 * 10:00

Clergy: The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop
 The Reverend J. David Knight, Rector
 The Reverend Alan Sutherland, Celebrant

Choir: The St. Simon's Choir Directed by Kelley Koontz
Organist/Pianist Doug Koontz

Book of Common Prayer = BCP Red The Hymnal 1982 = Blue
Wonder Love and Praise = WLP Green Alleluia III = Yellow



Prelude "Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee"
From The Seven Last Words of Christ

Opening Hymn Forty Days and Forty Nights
The Hymnal 1982 #150

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our Sins.
People: His Mercy endures for ever. **Amen.**

The Decalogue (Kneel) **BCP, p. 350**

Confession of Sin **BCP, p. 352**

The Kyrie

The People Stand

Cantor or Choir All Cantor or Choir

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All Cantor or Choir All

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 218

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

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.**

A Reading from 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

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."

Exodus 3:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks by to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

BCP, p. #670

(Read responsively by half verse. The people read after the asterisk.)

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.

A Reading from 1st 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.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks by to God.**

Gospel Hymn Rock of Ages, cleft for me The Hymnal 1982 #675

Verses 1 & 2

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.'"

Luke 13:1-9

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

Gospel Hymn Rock of Ages, cleft for me The Hymnal 1982 #685

Verse 3

Sermon The Reverend Alan Sutherland

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358