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## ***Vision & Mission***

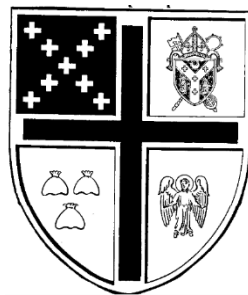
### ***Vision***

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through God's forgiving love.

### ***Mission***

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness  
To strengthen and encourage each other  
To advocate for and empower those in need, and  
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Near the Cross*

**LEVAS 29**

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.  
3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.  
4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;

Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*In unison*

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**

**S 100**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give

us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 95**

*The People respond by half verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

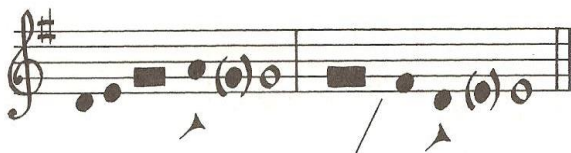
<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that

while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**TRACT**    *After the Cantor sings the first line, please sing the remaining verses with the choir members.*



- 1 *As the deer longs for the wá-ter-brooks,\*  
so longs my soul / for yóu, O God.*
- 2 *My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the lív-ing God;\*  
when shall I come to appear before  
the pres - / ence óf God?*
- 3 *My tears have been my food dáy and night,\*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where / now ís your God?"*
- 7 *Put your trúst in God;\*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my counte - / nance, and my God.*

**GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

*All stand.*

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.



<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the

people,<sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON            FR. JEFF HURST**

### **THE CREED**

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.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All sit.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diane, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President Joseph, our Governor Michael, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For those who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested and those whose names are on our parish intercession list, and those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned by this congregation. We pray especially for all teachers, students, first responders, healthcare providers and all those impacted by COVID.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, ***especially Virginia Sembower and Jeannie Miller***, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we

deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **PARISH PRAYER**

*In unison*

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN    *As longs the deer for cooling streams*        H 658

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

**DOXOLOGY**

*From all that dwell below the skies*

**H 380**

**Vs. 3**

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

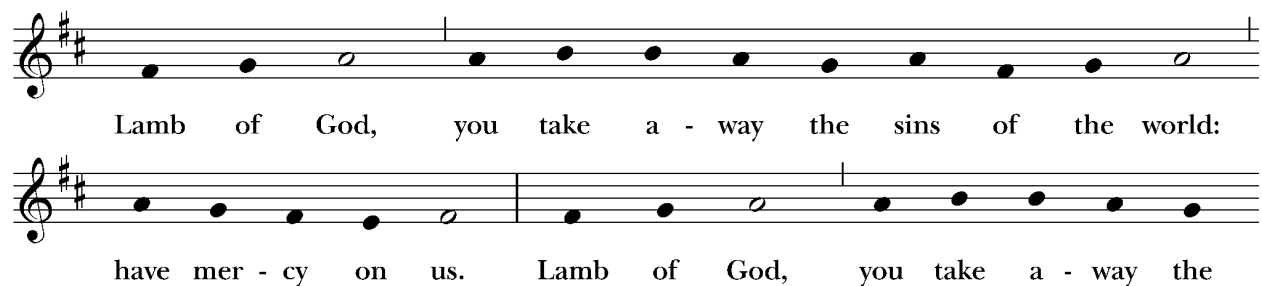
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

S 161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## HUMBLE ACCESS

*In unison*

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
 trusting in our own righteousness,  
 but in your abundant and great mercies.  
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
 the crumbs under your table;  
 but you are the same Lord  
 whose character is always to have mercy.  
 Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
 and to drink his blood,  
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts  
 by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*Communion for those streaming.*

The bread of heaven. The cup of salvation.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

**H 343**

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
 you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* H 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

<b>Third Sunday In Lent This Week</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DOK Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Group Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Lenten Study</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Flying Solo</b>
<b>Sunday Mar. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II DON'T FORGET TO SET CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR</b>

**Everyone Welcome!** If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

**A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up.** If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com). The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com)

**New Lenten Study** for the Wednesdays of Lent will be Zoomed at 7:00 pm. The focus will be on the Book of Common Prayer and a resource book called Beyond Smells and Bells. You don't have to obtain the resource book to join the study but we do ask you to bring a book of common prayer with you to the Zoom study.

The **Stations of the Cross**. We are blessed to have Linda Gerding, Patti McGill and Judy Roberts to lead us in this holy time. We will gather at 6 pm on Fridays, and then have a light meatless dinner afterwards in the undercroft. We will observe the Stations throughout the Lenten Season each Friday through Good Friday on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to attend as many of these services as possible.