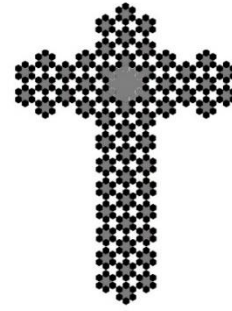


# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Masks are recommended, but not required.**

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please request one when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder:** Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

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

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 17...*

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 95

*Lector* *We will read responsively Psalm 95...*

*Lector* Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*People* **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Lector* For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*People* **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Lector* The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

*People* **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Lector* 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!

*People* **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

*Lector* They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

*People* **Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

*Lector* So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

*Lector* *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 5...*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

John 4:5-42

*Please stand.*

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

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Deacon*        Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and

truth.” 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.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” 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?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*People* 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which  
we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do  
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and  
godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; to our  
companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our  
Diocese; St. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St.  
Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples; and to all  
priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and

doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of for Hazel DeStefano, Cyndy Fahnestock, and Isabelle Schueler, and also the anniversary of Tony & Nancy Hill. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People* **AMEN.**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

*People* **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Deacon* As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

*People* **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* (*Here a proper preface is read.*)

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People* **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

*Celebrant* By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### A SOLEMN PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant*

*People* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

#### SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Crucifer/Chalicer	Beth Brinsko
Lector	Patrick Brinsko
Prayers of the People	Barbara Groff
Ushers	Tony & Priscilla Bowman

#### Prayers are requested for:

**The Week of Mar 5** – Cindy W, Dina C, Carol C, Elena G, Bonnie L, Colette S, Heather S, Eileen S, Bill GW, Ana L, Gloria L, Fernando U, Milly L, Rick, Dennis M, Jim, Judy KB, Jean C, Oleana & Family, Bob S, Maggie, Pam F, Kay, Bob, Rev Whitney, Juliet, Pat B, Brent S, Hannah W, Marcia K, Steve M Sr, Cam & Sherry B, Randy T, Gene B, Eleni, Lynne M, Alyssa.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Hazel DeStefano, Cyndy Fahnestock, and Isabelle Schueler.

**Anniversaries** – Tony & Nancy Hill.

## Announcements

**Bazilla collections next Sunday, Mar 19:** Dunedin Cares, Inc. Food Pantry Wish List – Canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, peanut butter, pasta sauce, cooking oil, ketchup/mustard, mayo/salad dressings, sugar/flour, canned soup, jelly, white & brown rice, canned chili/stews, and pancake mix.

**Lenten Adult Formation:** Deacon Cindy will lead a Lenten program from a book entitled Wondrous Encounters - Scripture For Lent written by Richard Rohr. These classes will be held each Sunday between services at 9:15 to 9:45 AM through March 26. Join us as we prepare ourselves for the greatest gift ever given.

**Conversations with Jesus: A Lenten Study Series** - We hope you will join us at 6:00 PM Wednesdays in Lent (Mar. 15, 22, & 29) for Worship, Study, and Eucharist in the church followed by an opportunity for fellowship and soup supper in Kirk Hall. Children's programming is also provided. Please check the website or contact the church office for more information.

### **COGS Holy Week Services:**

Sunday, April 2 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 6 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 7 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday

**Stations of the Cross** – The Stations of the Cross icons are on the walls of the church. If you would like to walk the Stations on your own, the Church will be open and bulletins will be available 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM every Thursday in March for Lent.

**Easter Flowers & Music Donations:** Donations for flower and music dedications are due by Monday, March 27. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the front or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Suggested minimum donation - \$25.00.

**Sock it to Me Sunday Results:** Socks – 754 pairs, Underwear – 61 pairs, Other Clothing – 14 items  
A heartfelt thanks to all who donated!



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