



**Morning Prayer and Sermon
together with Shortened Holy Communion**

The Third Sunday in Lent

10 a.m.

FM 98.1

8:15 a.m. – The Order of Service is found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 67. Propers (Collect, Epistle and Gospel) begin on page 127.

PRELUDE

HYMN 393.....ST. CATHERINE
“Faith of fathers! Living still”

OPENING SENTENCE

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our

manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me—

GENERAL CONFESSION

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; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, 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.

ABSOLUTION

¶ To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

GLORIA PATRI (please stand)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

VENITE

O COME, let us sing / unto • the LORD;

* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our **salvation**.

Let us come before his presence with / **thanks**giving;

* and show ourselves / glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a / **great** God;

* and a great / King above 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.

O come, let us worship and / **fall** down,

* and kneel before 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.

O worship the LORD in the / beauty • of holiness;

* let the whole / earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge / the earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peoples with his truth.
GLORY be to the Father, and / to the Son,
* and / to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,
* world without **end. Amen.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 25. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; *
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

**2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and
stablished it upon the floods.**

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or
who shall rise up in his holy place?

**4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
* and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor
sworn to deceive his neighbour.**

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, * and
righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**6 This is the generation of them that seek him; *
even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye
everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

**8 Who is this¹ King of glory? * It is the
LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in
battle.**

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye
everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

**10 Who is this King of glory? * Even the LORD of
hosts, he is the King of glory.**

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son, *
and | to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Deuteronomy 6:1-9,
20-25**

What God requires

6¹ Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2² That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5⁵ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8⁸ And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

⁹ And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

²⁰ And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you?

²¹ Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

²² And the Lord shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

²³ And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

²⁴ And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

²⁵ And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE

BLESSED art thou, O Lord / God of • our fathers:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou for the / Name of • thy Majesty:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou in the temple / of thy holiness:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest be/tween the Cherubim:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.
Blessed art thou on the glorious / throne of thy
Kingdom:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.
Blessed art thou in the firma/ment of heaven:

* praised and exalted above / all for **ever**.

GLORY be to the Father, and | to the Son,

* and / to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,

* world without **end. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 Corinthians

3:1-23

Aiming for maturity

3¹ And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal [those in the flesh], even as unto babes in Christ.

2I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

5Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

7So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

¹⁷ If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

¹⁸ Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

²⁰ And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

²¹ Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's;

²² Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's;

²³ And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

JUBILATE DEO

Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the LORD / all ye lands:

* serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his / presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not / we ourselves;

* we are his people and the / sheep of • his **pasture**.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his / courts with praise;

* be thankful unto him, and / **speak** / good of • his
Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is / everlasting;

* and his truth endureth from generation to /
gener**ation**.

GLORY be to the Father, and / to the Son, *
and / to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be,

* world without **end. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD . . .

¶ Here, members of the congregation join in

**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the
Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was
crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead: He
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic
Church; The Communion of Saints: The
Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body:
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND VERSICLES

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

¶ Here, all kneeling or sitting, the Minister shall say,

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT FOR LENT 3

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the
hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth
the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against
all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEASON

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness. may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell

secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are*

desired;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 ourselves 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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them;

granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

GRACE

2 Corinthians 23:14

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME..... The Rector

HYMN 566.....GALILEE

“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult”

SERMONThe Rector

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY, AMERICA (LAST STANZA)

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.

Our fathers’ God, to thee,

Author of liberty,

To Thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King.
Amen.

PRAYERS (parish birthdays, anniversaries,
military, etc.)

HYMN 489SICILIAN MARINERS

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

POSTLUDE

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion from elements consecrated at the 8:15 a.m. service are invited to remain in the church. Others are invited to leave quietly during or following the organ voluntary.

Shortened Holy Communion

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

Grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION

All persons who have been baptised and have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. 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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Members of St. Luke's – Martha Cash, A.D. Fraizer, Dr. Thomas Heard; Brenda McHan, Cindy Lebkuecher, Evelyn Smith, Sheila McConnell, Lynn Mentzer (cataract surgery), Judy Brooten (wrist healing), Glenda Robinson, Jim Starkey, Linda Gerlock, Diane Wikander, Deacon Tony McConnell, Tom McCormick, Rodney Allen, Charles Sims, Barbara Newman, Andy Lebkuecher, Mercedes Misinco, Elizabeth Ann White, Tim Higdon, Connie Parks, “Hoot” and Gwen Skelton, Bruce Berkinshaw, Pat and Sherron Dearing, Tom Hoffer, Ann Thomason, MaryLynn Kipfmiller and Rosanne Johnston.

Family & Friends – Bill Morgan (son of Bob and Zenda), Charles and Susan Cecil, Lori Shannon (wife of Peter Shannon), Laurel Anderson, Jackie Flowers, Mervin Wyatt (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Kim Kalsey (for Tim and Jennifer Higdon), Brooke Copeland (for Tim and Jennifer Higdon), Larry Mattis (friend of Andy Lebkuecher), Richard Vollrath, Julian McCoy (for Charles Sims), Terry Lowe (for Martha Cash), Janelle Johnson (for Ruth Johnson), Kara Franz, Jamie Harris (for Sheila McConnell, Jay (brother of Gail Lyons), Kathy Butler, Zane Wolf (for Tim Higdon), Kelly Dearing Roberts (daughter of Pat and

Sherron Dearing), Clifford W. Willis, David Hobbs (cousin of Cheryl Rutland), Matt Cross (son-in-law of D.J. Fulton), Bryan Fobbus, Mildred Woody, Derek Torres (for Violet Sosa), Jessie Smith (for Ruth Johnson), Alexis and family, Aiden Ekanayake (grandson of Judy Evans), Kearrie Valentine (for Bobby Meadows), Alisha, Ian and Brooklyn Boss (daughter and grandchildren of Bob Bradley), Peter Hamilton, April Weich (daughter of Rosanne Johnston), Bob Jost, Helen Dotson, Corey and Mari Jean Whitey, Martha Hamilton, Brian (friend of the Gorr Family), Lynn Grimme, B. Z. Cashman, Abbey Cranor, Kathryn (Reinauer) Payette and Paul Lucia.

THE PARISH STAFF

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The greens around the Altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Natalya Elizabeth Eagle by Diane Bewes.

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this week is Anna Herrington, Mar. 14. "Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase . . ."

IN MILITARY SERVICE

Please remember in your prayers those serving in the Armed Services, especially those who have connections with St. Luke's particularly, Alex Mark, Tyler Ketron, Wesley Ryan McIntosh, Christian Wade Newman, Kyle Morgan, Sam Sonn, Jake Baker, Marc Rodriguez, Brooks Johnson, Cory Whitey and Jessica Wyllie Andres-Jansz.

HAPPENINGS

- Eastern Orthodox Vespers, Today, 2 p.m.
- Teaching Tuesday, Lenten Bible Study, Mar. 14, 10:30 a.m.
- AARP Tax Preparation, Feb. 3. (Text or call Steffanie Lavin at 770-312-2258).



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