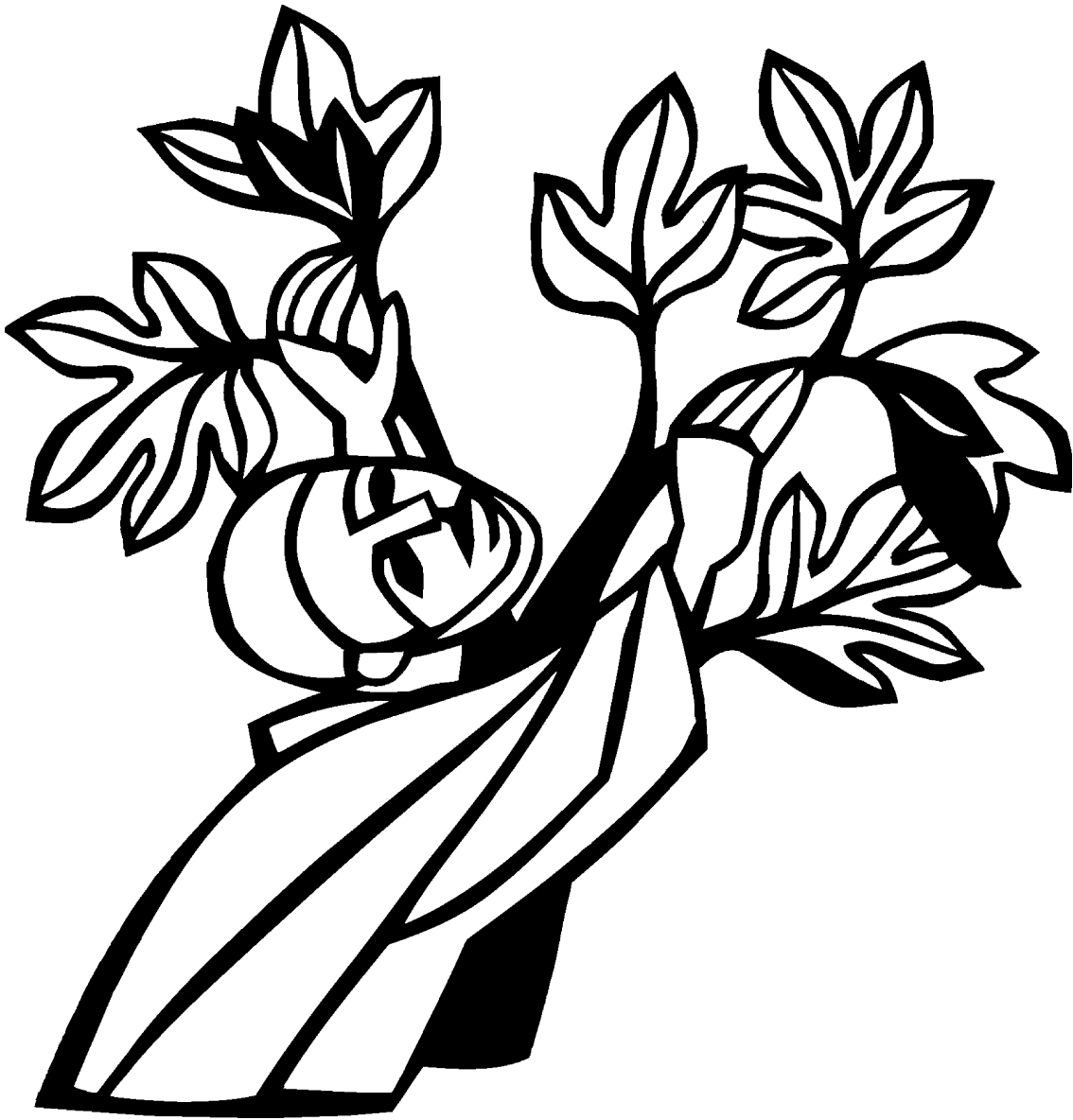


The Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio*

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service begins at 10:00 a.m.

The service can be found on the St. Peter's YouTube page at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g

This bulletin contains the readings and an outline for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS: These can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE wear one! Whether you have been attending here for 50 years or 50 minutes, wearing a name tag helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU ARE NEW THIS MORNING: Please take a moment to fill out one of the NEW? VISITING? cards at the end of the pew rack, and then place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or you can sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out so that we can properly welcome you to St. Peter's!

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. Your loose cash donations will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. However, if you prefer instead that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you would like a tax receipt, you must put your offerings into an envelope and provide your first and last name. These donation envelopes can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread** and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in each kind. You are invited to receive the wine from the chalice by drinking. A second, smaller chalice is available for intinction; gently touch the wafer to the wine in the smaller chalice.

RESTROOMS: Our restrooms are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: Before worship begins, all children are welcome to join our Children and Youth Minister, Michelle Killin-Keith, for Christian Formation Classes held in the Fellowship Narthex located outside the Chapel. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for their use. Children may also use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for Coffee Hour which takes place in the Narthex after the 10:00 a.m. service. During the summer months, lemonade will be service on the plaza instead.

**** *Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest so we can accommodate you.***

The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude O man, thy grievous sin bemoan

J. S. Bach (1685- 1750)

The Church bells ring an "Angelus" to announce the beginning of worship. Please stand as you are able.

A Penitential Rite

The Entrance Hymn 392 Come, we that love the Lord
(At 10:00 a.m. only.)

Vineyard Haven

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

(Please stand as you are able.)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue is now said. Please kneel as you are able:

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Hebrews 4:14, 16*)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Celebrant and the People say together:

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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

(The Kyrie Eleison is spoken at the 8:00 a.m. service. It is sung at the 10:00 a.m. service.)

Kyrie Eleison S96.....*Schubert/Proulx*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

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.

People Amen.

(Please be seated.)

The Lessons

Lector 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." (*Exodus 3:1-15*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(*The Psalm is spoken at the 8:00 a.m. service. It is sung by the choir at the 10:00 a.m. service.*)

Psalm 63:1-8

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.

Lector 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.
(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand (at 10:00 a.m. only)

The Sequence Hymn 332 O God unseen yet ever near.....*St. Flavian*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 18 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.

The Sermon *Father Mike Lager*

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Nicene Creed.....**358**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, let us pray together, saying "Christ have mercy."

Intercessor For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Anne our Bishop, for Mike and Nathan our priests, for our Vestry, staff, volunteers, and for all the people of God.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, the Ministries we support, especially LifeAct, our Outreach Community Partner this month, that in faithful witness we may share the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, especially for countries at war, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For our President, our Governor and our legislators in this time of political acrimony; for all who hold positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. For those who serve our world as they work to relieve the suffering of others.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Today we remember _____, and any others who you now name, either silently in your own heart or aloud so others might pray with you.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Intercessor For our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from all anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. Today in our parish we offer our prayers for those who need the healing graces of God: Dave, Clinton, Ernie & Cindy, Dorothy, Christopher, Bob, Patricia, J, Joyce, Anida, Molly, Joanne, Pat, Jim & Linda, and Peggy, and any others who you now name, either silently in your own heart or aloud so others might pray with you.

Intercessor We pray to you, merciful savior.

People Christ have mercy.

Celebrant Accept the fervent prayers of your people, O Lord; in the vastness of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and upon all who turn to you for help. For you are gracious O Lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements *Dave Tabar, Vestry (Please see back pages for upcoming events.)*

March Community Outreach Partner *LifeAct (provides suicide-prevention programs)*

The Offertory Anthem Behold the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world

Text: John 1:29

Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Presentation Hymn We give Thee but thine own.....*Schumann*

We give thee but thine own,

What e'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone,

A trust O Lord from Thee.

The Liturgy of the Table

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The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(at 10:00 a.m. only)*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. Amen.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, then immediately deliver it to the people.
Please make your way to the communion rail at the instruction of the Ushers.*

The Communion Hymn 140 *Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun*.....*Donne*

The Sending of the Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those who receive them may share with us in the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

People We, who are many, are one body because we share one bread and one cup.

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and the People say together:

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.

The Mission Hymn 686 *Come thou fount of every blessing*.....*Nettleton*

The Sending of the Congregation

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Fugue in F major*.....*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex following the 10:00 a.m. service, hosted by Linda Lange (Verger), George Filko, Andy & Samantha Fitz, Scott & Mary Fitz, and Anne Marie Foti.

Serving Today:

March 23, 2025: The Third Sunday in Lent		
	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor Brad Vandrask
Intercessor	Gina Massetti	Jeff Tennant
Acolyte/Crucifer	Tren Cheshier	John Rich & Jim Cofer
Ushers	Dan Hout-Reilly	John Yingling (TEAM LEADER)
		Sarah Taylor
		Cynthia Yoder
		Holly & Kevin St. Clair
Chalicer	Tren Cheshier	Beth O'Rourke
		Linda Purdy
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Colin McConnell
Verger		Sarah Taylor
Nursery (Ages Two & Under):		Annika Mintzlaff & Amanda Chambers
Preschool (Ages Three & Four):		Kelly Martin & Sara Marscher
Elementary (K thru 5th-Grade):		Kim Lager & Monica Jochum
MS/HS Study:		Michelle Killin-Keith & Keith Jochum
Videographer: Dan Gourash		
LEV: Angie Whidden > Karen Bradley		
Chancel Guild: Team 3: Linda Lange		

Serving Next Week (March 30, 2025):

March 30, 2025: The Fourth Sunday in Lent		
	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Jan Babbit	John Rich
		Hilary Bickerton
Intercessor	Penny Mead	Jim Calhoun
Acolyte/Crucifer	Sara Ferry	George Filko
Ushers	Jan Babbit	Dan Lammers (TEAM LEADER)
		John Rich
		Colin McConnell
Chalicer	Sara Ferry	Martha Taylor
		Kathy Woolner
Bell Ringer	Dick Jacquemotte	Luke Sferra
Verger		Sarah Taylor
Nursery (Ages Two & Under):		Annika Mintzlaff & Amanda Chambers
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Elementary (K thru 5th-Grade):		Kim Lager & Monica Jochum
MS/HS Study:		Michelle Killin-Keith & Keith Jochum
Videographer: Joanne Hull		
LEV: Dennis Driscoll > Pat Wielinski		
Chancel Guild: Team 1: Kristen Gardner		

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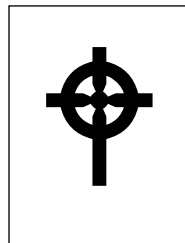
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory



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