

**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025
The Holy Eucharist Rite II**



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Crawfordsville, IN**



Prelude

As the Deer

D. Wagner

Welcome

The Rev. Jason Fortner

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the bell.

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 149

Eternal Lord of love

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

The Presider may say

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.**



Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 3:1-15

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

Please read responsively by half verse.

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.

Second Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 150

Forty days and forty nights

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Fortner

A brief silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**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 sin.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for 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.

Give your grace to the members of the Reunification Discernment Committee
and bless their work;

That they may faithfully and judiciously complete their task.

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.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
The people kneel or stand as they are able.

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.**

Presider pronounces God's absolution of sin saying
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

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Eucharist

Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! It is our tradition for all of us to circle the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Offertory Anthem

No Greater Gift

Schram

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 380 verse 3

Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

**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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please remain standing as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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

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

S130

Proulx

Presider and People sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Presider 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

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.**

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

People and Presider

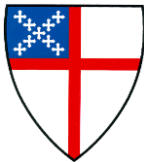
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

All sing the Fraction Anthem.



Fraction Anthem

S164

Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 343

Shepherd of souls

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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.**

Lenten Blessing

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel or bow as they are able.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 574

Before thy throne, O God we kneel

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

Carter



Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Jason Fortner

Music: Jerilyn Yerkes

	Mar 23, 2025		Mar. 30, 2025	
	8:00am	10:30am		
Lector	Mark Kussmaul	Meegan Reidy	Joint worship service	10:15 at First Christian Church
LEM	Meribeth Kussmaul	Peggy Lohorn & Dan Booher		
Crucifer	Frank Sorrentino	Aaron Morrison		
Greeters		Susan & Brian Albrecht		
Child Care		Kim Green & Jessica Short		
Altar Guild		Terry Lawrence & Jerilyn Yerkes		
Counters		Peggy Lohorn & Nancy Bennett		
Coffee	Meegan Reidy			
Clean Up	Katharine Morrison			



ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Multi-Church Youth Group** will meet at the Kathleen J. Steele Park on Main Street (behind the Youth Service Bureau) at 3pm on March 30th. This will be a stress-free time with snacks and play time for the kids.
- **Sunday, March 30 Joint Worship with First Christian Church** We will worship at FCC as they host the Wabash College Glee Club. The service begins at 10:15am. There will not be a service at St. John's that morning.
- Come join us for **Bible Study** every Tuesday morning at 9am in Whitlock Hall and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Contact Dan Booher with questions.
- **Father Jason will be on vacation** from 29 March through 7 April. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please call St. John's Episcopal Church in Lafayette at 765.742.4079.
- The **Men's Group** is in the process of planning our 2025 fundraiser and we need your assistance! We are offering each household a chance to enter a drawing for a \$75 cash prize. We encourage everyone to submit their own survey, but only one person per household can enter the drawing. Please go the following link to complete the survey and thanks in advance for your help!



Parish Prayer List

For grace, peace, and healing for Brittany Weathers, Shelbi Fortner, Larry Bennett, Brittany Green, Willa Steiner, Jim Steiner, Char Lingen, Patience Barnes, Catherine, Jack, Les, Lauren, Frank, Don, Ann, Cynthia, Mark, Shane, Elaine, Randy, Kelly, Conley, Josie, the Rahimi Family, the Murry Family, and those devastated by natural disasters and war, let us pray to the Lord.

St. John's Vestry

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2027

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Ellen Ball

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Mission: St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

Vision: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

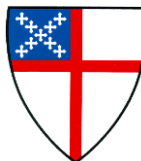
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We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.

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