

ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The Third Sunday in Lent
Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Dr. William Shiflet, Celebrant
The Reverend Peter Lane, Preacher

The Word of God

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. William Shiflet, Celebrant
The Reverend Peter Lane, Preacher

The Chiming of the Hour (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

The Prelude *Choral Paraphrase of Attende Domine* Jeanne Demessieux
(Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.)

The Word of God

Hymn 149 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* *Old 124th*

A Penitential Order Page 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.*

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*) McNeil Robinson

The musical score consists of three staves of music. Each staff begins with the instruction "Cantor or Choir" and ends with "All". The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e e - le-i-son. Chri - ste e - le-i-son. Chri - ste e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e e - le-i-son. Ky - ri - e e - le-i-son." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

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 First Lesson: 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.

(Remain seated for the singing of the Psalm.)

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

Plainsong/Kevin Johnson

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon 

O God, you are my God; ea-ger - ly I seek you.

- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**
- 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. **Antiphon**

The Epistle: 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.

Hymn 148

Creator of the Earth and Skies

Uffingham

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Priest 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 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.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Peter Lane

(A moment for reflection.)

The Nicene 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 *The response following each intercession is:*
Leader God, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

The Peace

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Michael Bedford

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
O cast me not away from your presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.
- Psalm 51:11-12

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 380, Stanza 3 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching Our Worship)*

The Celebrant, faces them and says

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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus

Jeffrey Smith

(Organ) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant and 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.

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem

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Jeffrey Smith

Lamb of God



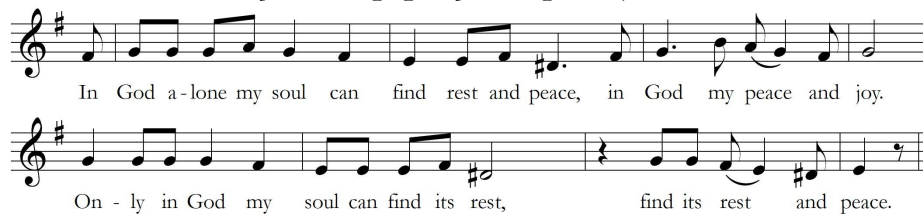
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Chant

In God Alone

Jacques Berthier

(During communion, all are invited to join in singing the following chant.)



In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.
On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by All)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer.

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.*

Hymn 392

Come, We that Love the Lord

Vineyard Haven

The Dismissal

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The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

Vincent Luebeck

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Reister Hall for coffee immediately following the service.

Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

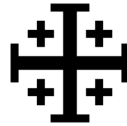
Prayer List

Please pray for

David
 David and Lynne Aukamp
 Michele, Charlotte and John
 Kristen B.
 Beverly Butters
 JoAnn Creamer
 Patrick Dean
 Andrew Behm
 Lowell Behm
 Vivian Bish
 Richard Clark
 Joanne Hood
 Alex and Diane Hugill
 David and Joanne Kerr

Fran Lever
 Diane Linindoll
 Fran Martin
 Beverly Penland
 Ronnie Pyle
 Karen Santangelo
 Lynn Sanford
 Clay Shiflet
 Barbara Slocum
 Robin and Bill Tiner
 Wally and Joan Tyson
 Eric White
 Michael Wilkey

Our nation
 All who serve our country
 at home and abroad
 Those affected by the Flu
 and COVID
 Healthcare Workers
 Victims of violence
 Victims of the California
 wildfires and all natural
 disasters
 The people of The Middle
 East, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti
 and all places torn by strife



Weekly Calendar

(During Lent the church will be open on Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for prayer.)

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| Monday, March 24 | 7 p.m., Bible Study (Library) |
| Tuesday, March 25 | 11 a.m., Staff Meeting (Library) |
| Wednesday, March 26 | 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church) |
| Thursday, March 27 | 10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Friday, March 28 | 10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library) |
| Saturday, March 29 | |
| 4th Sunday in Lent | 5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I |
| Sunday, March 30 | 10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II |
| 4th Sunday in Lent | 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library and Zoom) |

— *Announcements* —

Adult Faith Formation to begin Bonhoeffer Book

On Sunday, March 23, the Adult Faith Formation group will begin study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*. The group meets on Sundays at noon in the Library of the Parish Center. All are welcome. Come and join us for some lively discussion.

Lenten Evensong, Sunday, March 23

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by our Parish Choir of Adults, directed by Organist-Choirmaster Kevin Johnson on Sunday afternoon, March 23 at 4 p.m. The service will include hymns and anthems appropriate to the season of Lent.

Pray for Our Parish during Lent

The Daughters of the King invite you to pray daily with them for our parish during Lent. There are copies of the Prayer for the Parish that you may take home available in the Narthex.

Church to be open for Prayer during Lent

The church will be open for prayer, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. during Lent. You may enter and exit the church by the north door. Chairs and a table with resources for prayer and meditation will be found at the front of the church. The resources will change weekly. Come and see what's new.

Become a Partner in the Educational Mission to Jamaica

Fr. Bill Shiflet will be at services to share pictures, answer questions and urge you to become a partner (disciple) of the Educational Mission to Albion Mountain Primary School in Saint Mary, Jamaica by making a financial gift. Several categories of giving are available.

Tech Help Available

Frustrated using your cell phone, tablet or laptop? Stop by St. Alfred's Tech Help Table in Reister Hall during Coffee Hour during the Sundays in March. Bring your device(s) and questions!

Easter Altar Flowers

The Flower Guild will be handing out order forms for Easter Altar Flowers. Donations for Easter Altar flowers must be received by Sunday, April 13.

Choral Paraphrase of Attende Domine (Hear Us, Lord) - Jeanne Demessieux, Summy-Birchard Music

Sanctus and Agnus Dei (Mass in E) - Jeffrey Smith, MorningStar Music Publishers

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor - Vincent Luebeck, C.F. Peeters

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