



Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 | 10:00am
St. John's Episcopal Church, Honeoye Falls

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CENTERING

OPENING HYMN

Creator of the Earth and Skies

H 148

*Creator of the earth and skies,
To whom all truth and power belong,
Grant us your truth to make us wise;
Grant us your power to make us strong.*

*We have not known you: to the skies
Our monuments of folly soar,
And all our self-wrought miseries
Have made us trust ourselves the more.*

*We have not loved you: far and wide
The wreckage of our hatred spreads,
And evils wrought by human pride
Recoil on unrepentant heads.*

*We long to end this worldwide strife:
How shall we follow in your way?
Speak to mankind your words of life,
Until our darkness turns to day.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

Celebrant: 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.***

TRISAGION

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might-y, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One have

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mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

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THE 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.*

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- 4 *In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.*
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 *Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

7 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!

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL HYMN *O Love of God, How Strong and True* H 455

*O love of God, how strong and true!
 Eternal and yet ever new;
 Uncomprehended and unbought,
 Beyond all knowledge and all thought.*

*O love of God, how deep and great!
 Far deeper than man's deepest hate;
 Self-fed, self-kindled, like the light,
 Changeless, eternal, infinite.*

*O heav'nly love, how precious still,
 In days of weariness and ill!
 In nights of pain and helplessness,
 To heal, to comfort, and to bless.*

*O wide embracing, wondrous love,
 We read Thee in the sky above,
 We read Thee in the earth below,
 In seas that swell, and streams that flow.*

*We read Thee in the flowers, the trees,
 The freshness of the fragrant breeze,*

*The song of birds upon the wing,
The joy of summer and of spring.*

*We read Thee best in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame;
Sent by the Father from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.*

*We read Thee in the manger-bed,
On which His infancy was laid;
And Nazareth that love reveals,
Nestling amid its lonely hills.*

*We read Thee in the tears once shed,
Over doomed Salem's guilty head,
In the cold tomb of Beth-any,
A blood-drops of Gethsemane.*

*We read Thy power to bless and save,
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light,
We read the fullness of Thy might.*

*O love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal love, in Thee we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest!*

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

REV. JIM TRIMBLE

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence*)

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Kara, our Bishop; Lorraine and Catherine, our Postulants for Holy Orders; and Jim, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Cuba; and the Commission on Ministry. We lift up clergy, including Sandra Cordingly, and David Cripps. We also pray for poor persons, oppressed persons and the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially John, Gloria, Alice, Chelsea, Greg, Rob, John, Zeke, Robert, Patrick, Michael, Jan, Christopher, Mark, Taran, Kate, Sharon, Lew, Nora, Lizzie, Joel, Jean, Emile, Cannie, Anne, Sandy, Jim, Brenda, Lorraine, the Siebold family, Cindy, Christine, Audet, Kevin, and Jim and those whom you wish to name, either silently aloud. *(silence)* Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(silence)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Julie, Robin, Patricia, Lauren, Glora, Earl, Lynn, Vicki, and Margaret, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(silence)* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION **BCP 360**

THE PEACE **BCP 360**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 right to give him thanks and praise.***

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

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might, - Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in - the

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high - est, ho - san - na in - the high - est. Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is

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He, who comes in the name of the Lord - ho - san - na in - the high -

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est, ho - san - na in - the high - est. *rit.*

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, ...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." : ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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....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.***

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***therefore let us keep the feast.*** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

H 458

*My song is love unknown—
my Savior's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*He came from His blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend!*

*Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry.*

*Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run;
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst Him rise.*

*They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save;
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes,
that He His foes from thence might free.*

*In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.*

*Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.*

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE BLESSING
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

H 649

*O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
The fount of life and our true light,
We seek the peace your love imparts
And stand rejoicing in your sight.*

*Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
You save all those who heed your call;
To those who seek you, you are good,
To those who find you—all in all.*

*We taste you, Lord, our living bread,
And long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountainhead,
Our thirsting souls to quench and fill.*

*For you our restless spirits yearn
Where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your presence we discern,
Blest, when our faith can hold you fast.*

*O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Oh, chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world your holy light.*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE