



# St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
March 8, 2026 at 9 AM

During the season of Lent, we will be lighting incense before each service in our columbarium. Incense is an ancient and powerful symbol and is often said to serve as a representation of our prayers ascending to God. Because using incense in our sanctuary poses health challenges to some in our congregation, we are experimenting with this new liturgical practice and focusing on the visual dimensions of smoke. If engaging with incense is meaningful to you, you might pray the following prayer, or something like it: "Oh God, let my prayers arise in your sight as incense. Bless me with your presence, for you are nearer to me than my own breath."

**Prelude** *Prelude on Martyrdom As longs the deer for cooling streams, Hubert Perry*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* *Hymnal 686*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation.  
*All* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

### Collect for Purity

*Presider* 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.  
*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

### Absolution

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*All* **Amen.**

## Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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## Collect of the Day

*Presider* May God be with you.  
*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Reader* 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?"

*All* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 95

*(spoken antiphonally, street side will read the odd verses in black and columbarium side will read the even verses in blue. Verse 1 is spoken together.)*

- All*
- 1 Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
  - 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and raise a loud shout with psalms.**
  - 3 For you, O God, are a great God; \*  
you are great above all gods.**
  - 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**
  - 5 The sea is yours, for you made it, \*  
and your hands have molded the dry land.**
  - 6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before God, our Maker,**
  - 7 For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand, \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your 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."**

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## **Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

*Reader* 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!

**Sequence Hymn**

*When, like the woman at the well*

Voices Found 24

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I  
2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet  
3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and  
4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and  
5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ came to me, good  
gave me hope, not fear. \_\_\_\_\_ The God I once thought  
wor - ship God a - right, \_\_\_\_\_ could trust the power the  
once a - gain re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ the liv - ing wa - ter  
free, for - giv - en, whole, \_\_\_\_\_ I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. \_\_\_\_\_  
far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. \_\_\_\_\_  
Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. \_\_\_\_\_  
of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. \_\_\_\_\_  
are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

*Fine*

*Fine*

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*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospeler* 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.

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

## **Homily**

The Rev. Kristin Saylor

*Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are--be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*All* **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* Strengthened by the hope that does not fail, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Hear us, and have mercy.

For the baptized, who have found in Jesus the living water of salvation,  
we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, who long to worship God  
In spirit and truth, we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the world's people, who await the day when all servants of God will gather  
on the holy mountain, we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For those searching for God, who wait with open hearts for the word of truth  
and life, we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the sick, who thirst for healing grace, including those we now name,  
we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this assembly, whose members are sent to proclaim the Messiah to those  
around them, we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For what else do we pray? For these and all the prayers of our hearts,  
We pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the faithful dead, who lived in the hope of the resurrection, including those  
we now name, we pray:

*All* **Hear us, and have mercy.**

*Presider* Hear us, God of the nations, and quench our thirst with the flood of your Spirit, that  
we may go forth to proclaim the Savior you sent, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever.

### **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Offertory Music

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymnal 495  
(omit verse 4)



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving    Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3**

*Presider*    The Lord be with you.

*All*    **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Lift up your hearts.

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

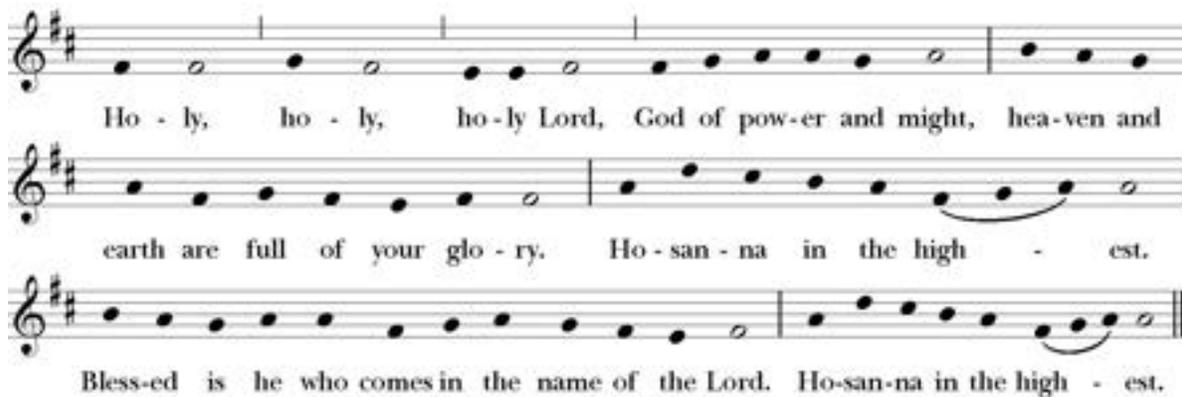
*Presider*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*    **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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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*Presider*    Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All*            **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Presider*      Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Lawrence, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All*            **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider*      As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

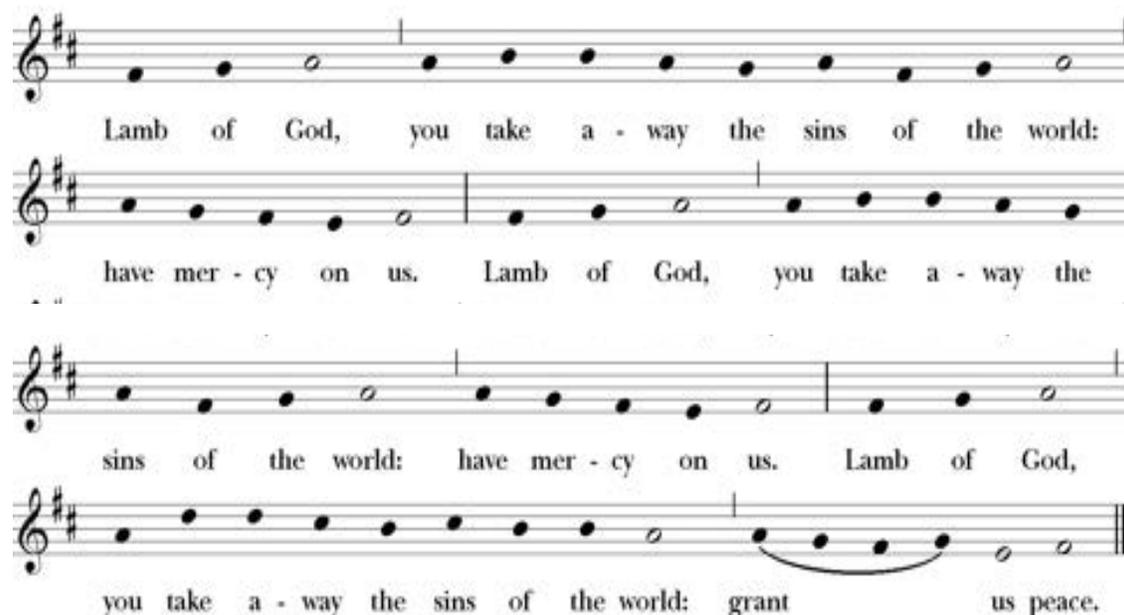
*All*            **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

## Fraction Anthem



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.

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*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread.*

*We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.*

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
 2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
 3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
 4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O be -  
 thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
 still, and thou shalt sing: the praise of him who  
 God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
 hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
 is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
 was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696, alt.; para. of Psalm 42:1-7; Music: *Martyrdom*, melody and bass Hugh Wilson (1764-1824); adapt. and harm. Robert Smith (1780-1829)

### ***The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors***

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.*

*All*            ***In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.***

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Communion Chant (*sung three times*)

Lord Je - sus Christ, lov - er of all, trail  
wide the hem of your gar - ment. Bring heal-ing, bring peace.

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## Prayer over the People

*Presider* Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



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## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*In this season of preparation as we join with Jesus in his journey to Jerusalem, our liturgy moves into the world today with the silence of reflection.*

## WELCOME!

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

If you need assistance with the Hearing Aid Loop, please see an usher.

### Welcome to the **Soft Space!**

This special area is for children age 5 and under a cozy place to wiggle, wonder, and worship.

Here, little ones can experience our liturgy, worship, and communion in a comfortable and engaging way.

Here, little ones can feel at home in God's presence just as they are!

Join us for coffee hour in the narthex immediately following the service

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## **Community Prayers**

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Craig, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Jack, Carl, Steve, Tom, Jennie, Ryan Li, Robin, Dave, Duke, Phyliss, Mike, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Marion, Ruby, Betsy, Paul, Lili, Nina, Vijay, Sherri, Dennis

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Karlondo, Jermain, Christino, Maurice, Rickie, Apolinar

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane; Ashton and Cory, Amerin and David

We give thanks for the arrival of children

We pray for those who have died

For those who have lost loved ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Buster

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious, racial and gender oppression throughout the world.

*If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit [www.stlawrencechurch.org](http://www.stlawrencechurch.org) and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.*



### **Maundy Thursday Foot Washing**

This Sunday, our Godly Play children will explore the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, learning about love, service, and humility. They will experience the weight of mistakes in a sand-and-glitter walk and wash one another's feet as a sign of God's forgiveness and care.

Through this activity, the children will reflect on how to love and serve others in their daily lives, preparing their hearts for Good Friday.



**SUPPORTING  
OUR LOVED  
ONES WITH  
MEMORY LOSS**

Join a discussion providing practical help for individuals and families

Sunday, March 8  
10:15 AM  
Fireside Room

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**Are you supporting a friend or family member who is experiencing memory loss?**  
If so, assistance is available.

Several members of our congregation have encountered challenges related to memory loss. Mary Grace Sharp, Program Manager at the Chicago Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will present strategies for effectively responding to dementia-related behaviors in loved ones.

She will also provide additional resources for further support.

 **ALZHEIMER'S  
ASSOCIATION**

During Lent, we will highlight organizations in Lake County that provide valuable services and offer opportunities for volunteering. For more information contact, Deacon Jackie Lynn, [jllynneldercare@gmail.com](mailto:jllynneldercare@gmail.com).



Mano a Mano serves over 10,000 individuals every year and extends its services well beyond the Round Lake Area. Mano a Mano is the only immigrant-serving agency in Lake and McHenry Counties that provides a comprehensive array of culturally and linguistically competent supportive services to its growing immigrant communities.

Federal and immigration agents continue to threaten the safety and stability of immigrant families in Lake County. In our collective response, we are making a community effort to organize, protect, and support one another. As a volunteer or participant, you can choose different ways to get involved, whether by supporting logistics, advocating for local changes, joining peaceful protests, or helping educate our community about their rights. Your voice, your time, and your commitment make a difference. To volunteer and or learn more about Mano a Mano call 847-201-1521 or email, [mamappointments@mamfrc.org](mailto:mamappointments@mamfrc.org)



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

**BOOK GROUP**

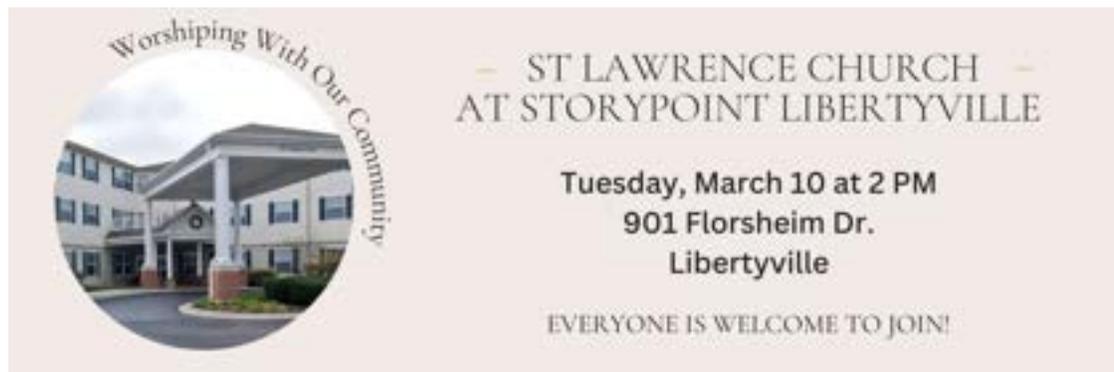
Meets on the second Monday of the month in the Fireside Room 7 PM

For more information [st.lawrencechurch.org](http://st.lawrencechurch.org)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
**MARCH 9, 2026**

FOR A DISCUSSION OF

**EXIT WEST: A NOVEL**  
**BY MOHSIN HAMID**



Worshiping With Our Community



— ST LAWRENCE CHURCH —  
 AT STORYPOINT LIBERTYVILLE

**Tuesday, March 10 at 2 PM**  
**901 Florsheim Dr.**  
**Libertyville**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN!

**Wednesday Evenings in Lent**  
**Journeying with John**

EVERY THREE YEARS, OUR SUNDAY LECTIONARY OFFERS US A SERIES OF POWERFUL STORIES FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL DURING LENT

Join us for a simple soup supper in a comfortable setting as we explore what these readings have to offer our lives today

**February 25**  
**March 4, 11, 18 and 25**  
**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Please find the signup link in the weekly email or contact [office@stlawrencechurch.com](mailto:office@stlawrencechurch.com)



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**On the STL calendar** (see the entire calendar on the STL website, [stlawrencechurch.org](http://stlawrencechurch.org))

**Sunday, March 8** - Adult Forum—Supporting our loved ones with memory loss, Fireside Room, 10:15 AM

**Monday, March 9** - St Lawrence Book Group, Fireside Room, 7 PM

**Tuesday, March 10** - StoryPoint Service, Libertyville, 2 PM

**Wednesday, March 11** - Wednesday Evenings in Lent, Fireside Room, 6 PM

**Thursday, March 12** - Lent Midweek Eucharist, Sanctuary, 8:30 AM; Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

**Saturday, March 14** - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

**Sunday, March 15** - Adult Forum - Exploring the Lesser Known Sacraments, Fireside Room, 10:15

**Tuesday, March 17** - Young Episcopal Seniors, Library, Noon; Vestry Meeting, Fireside Rm, 7 PM

**Wednesday, March, 18** - Wednesday Evenings in Lent, Fireside Room, 6 PM

**Thursday, March 19** - Lent Midweek Eucharist, Sanctuary, 8:30 AM; Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 PM

**Saturday, March 21** - Seeking Sophia, Fireside Room, 9 AM

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER



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## **Palm Sunday - March 29**

Eucharist with procession in Cook Park at 9 AM at St. Lawrence

## **Maundy Thursday - April 2**

Eucharist with foot washing and Agape meal at 6:30 PM  
onsite and online at St. Gregory's, Deerfield

## **Good Friday - April 3**

Solemn Liturgy with Communion from Reserved Sacrament at Noon  
onsite at St. Lawrence

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - available on a drop-in basis  
in the St. Lawrence Sanctuary from 9 - 10:30 AM

Solemn Liturgy with Communion from Reserved Sacrament at 7 PM  
onsite and online at Trinity, Highland Park

## **Holy Saturday - April 4**

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 9 AM at St. Lawrence

Great Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism - The primary liturgy of our church  
year - Eucharist at 7 PM at St. Lawrence. Reception to follow

## **Easter Morning - April 5**

Festival Eucharist - 9 AM at St. Lawrence



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