

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



**MARCH 23, 2025 - 10:00 AM**

## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

*A welcoming parish loving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ*

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We hope that you will find spiritual nourishment and fellowship with us this morning.

This bulletin will guide you through today's service step-by-step

**WELCOME**

## Prelude

## Opening Remarks/Preparation

*"Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? And why are you so disquieted within me?  
Yet I will go unto the altar of God, unto the God of my joy and gladness."*

*-From Psalms 42 and 43*

**Hymn HB 564** He who would valiant be (*all 3 verses*)

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins
<b>People</b>	<b>His mercy endures, now and forever. Amen</b>

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

**DECALOGUE** p. 350 BCP

### A COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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.**

Lector            A Reading from the Book of Exodus

And Moses turned, and went down from the mountain with the two tables of the testimony in his hands, tables that were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." But he said, "It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear." And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tables out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the water, and made the people of Israel drink it.

And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought a great sin upon them?" And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot; you know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, 'Make us gods, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off'; so they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf."

Lector    The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 84** *read responsively breaking at the asterisk*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!  
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God;  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,  
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the LORD God is both sun and shield;  
**he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the LORD withhold  
**from those who walk with integrity.**

O LORD of hosts,  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## SECOND READING

1 PETER 5:5-11

Lector            A reading from the first letter of Peter

Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Lector            The word of the Lord

People            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn HB 487** Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life *(all 3 verses)*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-7

Officiant        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

“Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

Officiant     The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**        The Rev. Canon Wade Renn

## **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: 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 giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. 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

**During this Lenten season, We continue to pray for the healing and recovery of Pope Francis. We pray for a peaceful end to the Ukraine/Russian and Israel/Hamas conflicts and the safe return of any remaining hostages. We ask for God's protection of the vulnerable and His healing touch of those suffering from illness or personal distress. As we journey with God, we pray for World Peace and Harmony. And for:**

**Lamont Jacob Alston, Aida Alvarez, Rev. Pam Bakal, Jenna and Kelley Baci, Eva and Gigi Becar, Bill Becker, Gordon Blake, Kate Bondy, Karen Brusati, Karen Bullen, Joseph Casey, Joe Chis, Joy Claveria, Evelyn Dal Pino, Martha Delgado Soto, Migdalia Diaz, Evangelos Djimopoulos, Bob Domany, Nicholas Doremus, Patricia Dremian, Judith Eugene, Barbara Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Juan and Josephine Fialla, Rosie Flippo, Penny Gibson, Michelle Goethe, Terri Gonzalez, Samantha Griffith, Stephen Hall, Jane Hambel, Diane Holdsworth, Susan Itaas, Lorraine Kaiser, Athena Karianis, Paul Kaufman, The Family of Mary Kennedy, Melissa Kiel, Nicky LaSaracina, Adrian LeBron, Nicholas Lom, Karen Luchs, Carlo Machi, Barbara Maggio, Colleen Mahoney, Elinhor and Bill Makonechny, Josephine Marino, Anthony Marino, Danielle and Michael Marino, Jennifer McCaffrey, Kimberly Marroquin, Richard Middlemark, Gloria Mayorga, Isaac Matz, Anthony Montalbano, Ryu Okumura, Martha Orejuela, Lynne Orofino, Jake Oshires, Rose Mary Prusina, Donna and David Radulich, Ann and Rick Raines, Frank Robertson, Liz Rooney, Miriam Sabo, Shira Shatzkes, Rosalie Sheffield, Beth Shriber, Michael Tarabulsk, Jenna Teachman, Aden Tescorian, SueEllen Tucker, Janet Turcotte, Ed Volmer, Irma Weishaupt, Jack Wielar, Todd, Wielar, Lorraine Woehrl, Sorina Yang, Calvin Young, Evelyn Zambrano**

## **PRAYER FOR HEALING**

*Dear God, we come to you with a humble heart, seeking your guidance and strength. Please grant these loved ones good health, physical and mental wellness and emotional resilience. We ask for your healing touch for our loved ones health concerns and challenges. Please soothe our bodies, calm our minds and uplift our spirits. May your grace and mercy surround us, and may we feel your loving presence in our lives. Please help us to trust in your goodness and find peace in your care. In your holy name we pray. Amen*

### ***For the Parish***

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven  
And earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen  
The faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.  
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring  
us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ***For Diversity***

O God, who created all peoples in your own image, we thank you for the  
wonderful diversity of races, cultures, orientations and ethnicities in this world.  
Enrich our lives by ever –widening circles of friendship and show us your  
presence in those differ most from us. We know you have made us according to  
your special plan. May we use our diversity to spread your message of love and  
peace to all the world *Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION P.360**

### **THE PEACE**

Officiant 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.*

## **BLESSINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice  
to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*(Please place your offering in the alms basin)*

**Hymn during the offering-** Chalice hymnal **545-** He leadeth me *(all 3 verses, see  
insert)*

Doxology at the presentation of the offering



# The Great Thanksgiving- Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

## THE LORD'S PRAYER P 364

### The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

### The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION HB# 335 I am the bread of life

*'I am the Bread of life.  
They who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draws them.*

## CHORUS

*'And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them  
up on the last day.*

*'The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat this bread*

*they shall live for ever,  
they shall live for ever.*

CHORUS

*Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
and drink of his Blood  
you shall not have life within you,  
you shall not have life within you.*

CHORUS

**THE SENDING PRAYER P 365**

**THE BLESSING**

**Sending Hymn Chalice Hymnal 344**– I have decided to follow Jesus (*see insert*)

**DISMISSAL**

**Postlude**

**Outreach Fund:** Donations to the Outreach Fund will be designated for Montclair Emergency Services for Hope. (MESH) is a local, non-profit organization dedicated to providing basic and essential services to Montclair's most vulnerable homeless adults and families. MESH partners with local churches, synagogues and other community members to provide a nutritious evening meal, 6 days a week, to the underserved adults and families in Montclair, NJ in addition to providing overnight respite during extreme weather. If you, or someone you know, is in need, please inform Warden Sue Dziemian. The Rector's Discretionary Account is a parish resource directed by the Clergy & Vestry, and may be available when needed.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STEWARDSHIP MATTERS – APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

Registration is now open for the Spring Diocesan Learning Event on April 5th, and we hope you can join us! The event will go from 9 am to 2 pm and is hosted at St. Elizabeth's in Ridgewood (169 Fairmount Rd). Mary Foster Parmer will be leading this event on April 5th. She is the creator and founder of [INVITE WELCOME CONNECT](#), a transformational ministry of evangelism, hospitality and belonging, and author of the award-winning book, *Invite Welcome Connect: Stories & Tools to Transform your Church*. In addition to speaking at the Diocesan Learning Event, she will also speak at a service at Christ Church, Short Hills on April 6th and a presentation to vestry leaders on April 10th. As wardens and treasurers, we hope you can join us for all three events!

You can register for the Diocesan Learning Event [here](https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/diocesan-learning-event/) (<https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/diocesan-learning-event/>). In order to cover the costs for lunch and a portion of the speaker fees, there is a \$25 registration fee. A payment link will be included in the confirmation email.

## BISHOP'S VISIT – APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

Bishop Carlye Hughes will be visiting Annunciation on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to be here to meet the Bishop. All are Welcome!

## THE 150<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF NEWARK

The Diocese is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with events that continue into the spring with a speaker series, a special concert and visit by the new Presiding Bishop and a pilgrimage to the American South. For details and dates of the events please visit <https://dioceseofnewark.org/150th-anniversary/>.

## STEWARDSHIP

We now have the ability to accept credit card and e-check payments on our website via a secure program provided by Vanco, and used across our diocese. It is so easy to use, and you can set up your pledge to pay automatically, or donate to our outreach fund. Just go to this page on our website and click the Donate button: <https://www.annunciationoradell.org/support-us.html> or mail them to: Church of the Annunciation co/ David Dziemian, Treasurer

## ONGOING OUTREACH

We collect for Center for Food Action, North Porch and the homeless shelter throughout the year. If you would like to donate socks, canned goods & shelf stabilized food items or formula, diapers and baby food, please bring them to church. They are greatly needed and much appreciated.

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Our Virtual Bible Study meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Pastor Karen leads the interactive discussion which consists of scripture readings and prayers. We warmly welcome anyone from our sister church St. Matthews to join us! Feel free to invite others that may be interested in joining in our group discussion. Hope to see you all at Bible Study! Blessings- Pastor Karen

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88433093229?pwd=QUplQWMrRGJOUWZFTINVOWhNRy9BZz09>

**Meeting ID: 884 3309 3229**

**Passcode: 443179**

**To enhance your weekly devotions and prayer,** here are some helpful resources, that include a downloadable BCP: and the Diocese of Newark, go to the website: <https://dioceseofnewark.org/>

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