



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 am Morning Prayer

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning and hope you feel warmly welcomed.

Masks are STRONGLY recommended but not required. If you forgot your face covering, masks are provided on the sign-in table.

Please make sure to leave us your name and contact information for contact tracing purposes. The lists will be kept in the church office so we can notify you to isolate for 14 days should anyone in attendance test positive for Covid-19.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the worship space.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a part of the
St. Jude's Church Community.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books located near the library entrance to the church.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____ Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Bach

Opening Hymn #690 *Please stand & join in singing* ___ *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Opening Sentence _____

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Confession of Sin _____

The Officiant says to the people,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together,

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 Officiant says,

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter _____

Officiant Lord, open our lips

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People,

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Venite _____ Come, let us sing to the Lord



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. — 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —



— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the



Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove 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

mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the people of his

pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

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- 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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ *Exodus 17:1-7*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9, Hymn #679 _____ *Surely it is God that saves me*

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 5:1-11*

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

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

The Gospel Reading *Please stand* _____ *John 4:5-42*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.”

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Reflection *Please be seated* _____ Denise Rayner

The Apostles’ Creed *Please stand* _____

Officiant and People say together,
I believe in God, the Father almighty,

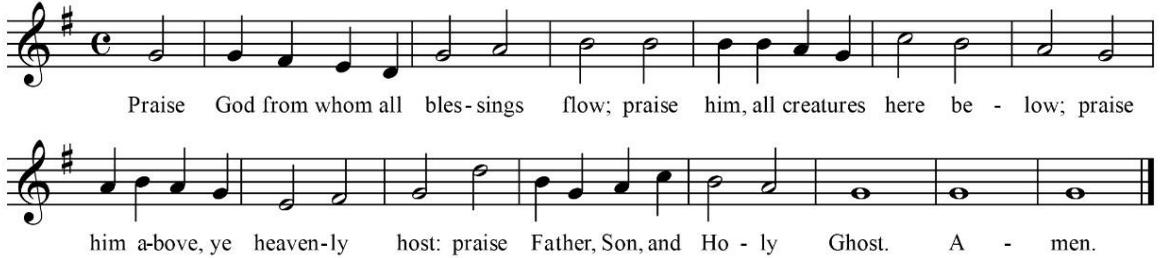
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Anthem ----- Follow Me. Kirk

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!



The Doxology *Please stand* -----



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise
him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer -----

All 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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day _____

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray together.
<i>All</i>	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.

A Collect for Sundays _____

<i>Officiant</i>	O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week
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to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance _____

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace _____

Officiant O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel* _____

Intercessor Let us pray.

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Silence.

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief. Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today.
Please add your own petitions.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing and hospitality (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Make us eager to receive those you send to us.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous and preserve us in eternal life.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church.

We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessor Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving _____

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving-kindness
To us and to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
And all the blessings of this life;
But above all for your immeasurable love
In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful
hearts we may show forth your praise,
Not only with our lips, but in our lives,
By giving up our selves to your service,
And by walking before you
In holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved
Son, that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.

Closing Prayer

<i>Officiant</i>	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.
<i>All</i>	Amen.

The Sending Out

Milestones & Announcements *Please be seated* _____

Sending Out Anthem _____ *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, Lutkin

Sending Out Hymn #686 *Please join in singing* ____ *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Postlude _____ *Postlude on a Welsh Hymn*, DeCou

Nursery

The nursery downstairs is now open each Sunday for parents who would like to take their children downstairs during the service. We have wifi in our downstairs so you can stream the service from Facebook on your phone or tablet if you wish.

Easter Flowers

We will have special flowers to decorate our church on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to donate toward the cost of these flowers, please get your money into the office by Sunday, April 2. Please include a note an altar flower sheet if you wish a dedication to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

Spring Break School Lunch Program

On Saturday, March 25, we will be distributing food to families who need the assistance in the Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts to help cover meals during their kids school break. We need volunteers who are willing to help pack meals on Wednesday, March 22 and many volunteers to help with the distribution itself here at St. Jude's on the 25th. There is a sign up for different jobs on the Outreach board in Vandenberg Hall. Please consider signing up to help with this wonderful outreach opportunity for our community!

In the past, we have done a cereal drive, but this year, the food bank has plenty of cereal that we can buy for much cheaper than at the stores. **So please do NOT bring in cereal this year!** What they don't have but we need is pancake mix (the kind that you just have to add water). **So please bring in (add water only) pancake mix now through Sunday, March 19!**

Online Morning Prayer

After three years of providing a weekly Online Morning Prayer Service, our team has decided to take a break. We wish to thank all of you have faithfully prayed with us on Wednesday mornings. **Our last service took place on Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 8 am with The Revs. Judy and Mike Marinco.**

Other Episcopal churches in our Diocese offer daily online services if you wish to continue to “attend” and pray with other online communities:

Christ Church, Owosso offers daily online Morning Prayer services led by the Rev. Paul Brunell at 9 am: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalOwosso>

St. Dunstan’s, Davison offers daily online Evening Compline services at 9 pm:
<https://www.facebook.com/StDunstansDavison>

Good Friday Vigil

We will be offering a time of vigil again this year from 9 p.m. on Maundy Thursday until noon on Good Friday. There will be a sign up online for those who choose to participate online and on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall on Sundays. The link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084daeac23a0fe3-at-home#/>

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Fenton United Methodist will host a Community Good Friday service at Noon on April 7th.

Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Al; Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kathy; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Becky; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; and Brad.

SERVING TODAY

Leaders: Dave & Denise Rayner
Reader/Prayers: Katie Young
Ushers: Lisa & Kelly Cronk
Altar Guild: Terri Huthcins & Francine Johnston
Vestry P. of Day: Bill Anderson
Coffee Hour: Amy Freeman

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dee Grossmann
3/13 Monday Counter: Diane Putnam
3/14 Tues. Office Volunteer: Liz Sailus & Jimmy
3/16 Thus. Office Volunteer: Nancy Day

Serving Next Week, March 19

LEM: Mary Louise Susalla
Reader/Prayers: Dave & Deb James
Ushers: Nancy Day & Lynne Ronthi
Altar Guild: Sarah Dolza & Gay Adams
Vestry P. of Day: Clay Putnam
Coffee Hour: Lynne Ronthi

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Lynn Hopper
3/20 Monday Counter: Francine Johnston
3/21 Tues. Office Volunteer: Kathy Kortge
3/23 Thus. Office Volunteer: Ellen Tripp

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