

Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world.

Give us living water, that we may not thirst.



10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is Merbecke

PRELUDE *Introduction and Adagio (Sonata 2) Felix Mendelssohn*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* CP606

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.

Celebrant: The †grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Stephen Kern

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Mary Carr

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 quarrelled 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 quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?". (17: 1-7)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95: 1-7

Brian Cheung

Refrain: O that today we would hearken to your voice:
harden not your hearts.

THE GOSPEL *The Rev. Lorraine Runza, The Rev. Stephen Kern, Anne Kern*

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 worshipped 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 worshippers 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 labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." 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 Saviour of the world." (4:5-42)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ

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

SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Kern

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **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.

Let us sit or kneel to pray.

PRAYER SONG: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery CP 179*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Shannon Haverstock*

Petition: Hear us, O God. *Response:* Your mercy is great.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have **†**mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you with all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: Set free in God's love and mercy, we have peace with God through Lord Jesus Christ. Let us share a sign of God's peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Water Flowing from the Mountains More Voices 87*

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Please take a posture of prayer, sitting, standing or kneeling.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

All: **and with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

All: **we lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

All: **it is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory by to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death,**

**we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

AGNUS DEI:

All: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All: Thanks be to God.*

All are welcome at the table of Our Lord. To receive a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. Please signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

MINISTERING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Kern; **Deacon:** The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Organist:** Kevin Parks; **Cantor:** Brian Cheung; **Reader:** Mary Carr; **Bread:** The Rev. Stephen Kern, The Rev. Lorraine Runza; **Chalice:** Shannon Haverstock, Anne Kern; **Prayers:** Shannon Haverstock; **Lay Anointing:** Laura Pavamani; **Video/Sound:** Ruwani Seevakireedam; **Greeters:** Godwin & Mabel Ifejika; **Sunday School:** Gloria Varghese, TBD; **Chancel Guild:** Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke; **Counters:** Gerry Heath, Ian Cowling

TODAY

3rd Sunday in Lent

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen.

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HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL

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| March 10 | 4:30 pm Youth and drama groups |
| March 11 | 12:00 pm Lenten Journaling
7:00 pm Zoom Bible/Book Study |
| March 12 | 6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10:00 am Women's Bible Study |
| March 14 | 5:00 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom |
| March 15 | 10:00 am 4th Sunday in Lent, The Rev. Stephen Kern,
Celebrating and preaching |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Holy Week | March 30 to April 3 |
| April 2 | 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service |
| April 3 | 10:00 am Good Friday Service |
| April 25 | Deanery Lay Refresher Day at Holy Trinity, Thornhill |