

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Incline Village, Nevada

The Third Sunday in Lent



*Seeking Light and Sharing Love*

**We welcome you to Saint Patrick's Church.** We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.

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## March 12th, 2023

### The Holy Eucharist: Enriching Our Worship

**Prelude:** *My Inmost Heart Now Raises*

J.C. Bach

**Announcements**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Hymn:** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, Hymnal 1982 #686

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

### Collect for Purity

**Song of Praise:** LEVAS #239

*Leader*  
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God be with you.  
***And also with you.***  
Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day:** 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.***

**The 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?"

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

**The 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.

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***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River*, LEVAS #141 vv.1-3

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_\_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

## **The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*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**

the Rev. Sarah A. Dunn

**A New Creed from the United Church of Canada:**

*We are not alone,*

*we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:*

*who has created and is creating,*

*who has come in Jesus,*

*the Word made flesh,*

*to reconcile and make new,*

*who works in us and others*

*by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:*

*to celebrate God's presence,*

*to live with respect in Creation,*

*to love and serve others,*

*to seek justice and resist evil,*

*to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,*

*our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,*

*God is with us.*

*We are not alone.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Prayers of the People:**

Adaptation of words by Debra Kay Wilson, parishioner of St. Patrick's

Let us pray to the God who created us, was revealed to us in the form of Jesus Christ, and continues to still show up in our lives.

Creator, we praise you for the unfathomable universe and the glory of the heavens beyond. We thank you for our island home, mother Earth: her life-sustaining ecosystems and all the diverse and miraculous beings of your making. We pray that you may show us ways to honor, heal, and preserve her from further harm. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty One, we thank you for creating us in your own image and redeeming us through Jesus, your son. We praise you for your steadfast love and the abundant grace you offer us. As we, your church, walk this forty days of wilderness with you, we ask that you create in us clean hearts,

empowering us to be vehicles of your healing in this world. We give you thanks for our partners in ministry, who are already doing this work, especially the Diocese of Santiago, Philippines - the Rt. Rev. Frenzel Ray Piluden, Bishop. God of love, *hear our prayer.*

Gentle One, we pray you redirect our attention to our neighbors who are lowly in spirit, especially remembering the displaced and homeless, the hungry, friends tormented by financial disparities, the lonely, the lost, and those who are grieving or feeling disconnected. We pray for all of those suffering in body, mind or spirit. Especially \_\_\_\_\_. God of love, *hear our prayer.*

Humble One, we ask your presence with the people of this land. May you convert our hatred and fear of one another into love and understanding. Unite our nation and guide us into pathways of healing. We pray all who hold power and authority may be empowered by the boldness of your Holy Spirit. God of love, *hear our prayer.*

Compassionate One, we pray for those around the world who are struggling to find stability, especially the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey, and our siblings in Ukraine. We ask that you may open our hearts to hear their pain, so that we may be generous in responding to the needs of our global community and be beacons of hope in difficult times. God of love, *hear our prayer.*

Peaceful One, we pray for those we love but see no longer. We ask that as we mourn, we may also celebrate that they are reunited with you, the one who created them, and with all of the saints who have come before. Especially remembering \_\_\_\_\_. God of love, *hear our prayer.*

**Confession:**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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:**

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. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**SERVICE OF THE TABLE:** 12 Step Eucharistic Prayer

**Music at the Offertory:** *Deep River, LEVAS #8*

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*or- scan the QR code using your smart device. Thank you!*



***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

We give you thanks, wondrous God, for the mystery of creation, for the miracle of life, and for seeds of renewal you plant deep within all living things. We praise you that you continue to create and recreate forever, mending what is broken, and making all things new. With saints who have gone before us, with sisters and brothers who now surround us, and with all creation, we join the eternal chorus of praise to you (purple insert):

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy One of mystery, love, and power, we bless you for your child Jesus Christ, who has come among us to restore all things to your purpose and to teach your song of love to all people. Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, and offered to all, whether honored or despised by the world, a destiny as your daughters and sons. Jesus shared our pain and sorrow, and knew our fear when his life was threatened, yet united in love to you, and empowered by your Spirit, he continued to heal and preach good news.

On the night before he died for us, 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 the multitudes for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." After you raised Jesus from the dead, once again he broke bread with his disciples and asked them to care for human need as a shepherd tends the sheep. Remembering Jesus, we offer you our love, our praise, and our thanksgiving in joy and suffering, in sickness and health, in union with Christ in life and death.

***Living, Christ led the way to true life. Dying, Christ showed the way to life beyond death. Rising, Christ offers us new life.***

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. By your Spirit empower us for a ministry of healing and care to the world you love so dearly, and inspire us to live in harmony with all your creatures. Holy, Living God, with our whole hearts we praise you and with our lives we give you glory, through Jesus Christ the Healer, and the Spirit who labors to bring forth new creation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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, the glory are yours, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Behold what you are.

***May we become what we receive.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *[All those seeking light and sharing love are welcome at the Lord's Table; gluten free wafers are available upon request]*

**Music at Communion:** *As the Deer Pants for the Waters*

Let us pray: ***Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

### **Special Blessings**

### **Final Blessing**

Hymn: *Down by the Riverside*, LEVAS #210

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side.

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

I ain't goin't

more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no

I ain't goin't

more, stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more,

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more.

I ain't goin't

more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no

I ain't goin't

more, stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, -

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more.

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



*Please join us for refreshments in the library following worship!*



**This month we remember those who are in our Columbarium:**

Ken and Vivian Fazackerley, David Ferguson, Dorothy and Elsworth Finlay, Douglas Fisher, Robert J. and Robert J., Jr. Foley, Robert & Phyllis French, William & Phyllis Frew, Arthur Fury, Sara Gafken, Buddy Garfinkle, Robert & Viola Ghilotti, Warren Giblin, Terry L. Gildea, Vernon & Gwendolyn Gordon

**Worship Assistants**

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

Choir: Linda Pittman, Kay Lehr, Gwendalyn Gilliam, Brad Perry, Bret Logan, Larry Harrison, Daniel Gollery, Paula Chapman, Suzanne & Marty Gollery, Donna Dekker

Readers: Dick Jackson & Karen Barney

Ushers: Karen & Jack Barney

Counters: Bob Skidmore & David Vomund

Altar Guild: River Coyote & Kay Lehr

**Clergy**

The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn (rector)

Ordination Aspirant: Ryan McKenzie

**Members of the Vestry**

Connie Skidmore, Senior Warden, Mike Wang, Junior Warden  
Lou Mc Nerney, Treasurer (non-voting), Suzanne Gollery, Clerk (non-voting)  
Steve Barney, Geoff White, Kay Lehr (2021-2024 term)  
Nora Beauchamp, Mike Wang, David Vomund (2022-2025 term)  
Patti Logan, Connie Skidmore, Viki Welling (2023-2026 term)

Nora Behrens, Parish Administrator

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# Announcements

## **Weather Reminder**

Check your email or the church website or the church facebook page if there is bad weather on Sundays. We will send out emails and post announcements if we are going to be online only. Stay safe everyone!

## **Episcopal Relief and Development Funds Match**

The Outreach Committee has decided to donate \$2,000 to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. ERD is partnering with other organizations in providing relief services in the earthquake area. The Committee encourages the congregation to join in matching funds for this effort. Checks should be made out to St. Patrick's with ERD in the memo line - or donations may be made via online to St. Patrick's. Read more about ERD's relief efforts on their website: [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

## **Café Conversacion – Extended!**

The winter session of Café will run January 19<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays at 6pm in the St. Patrick's library. Zoom is available. Light snacks and beverages provided. Please join us for fellowship and conversation. Everyone present shares much more than vocabulary – we share our lives, laughter, and hopes for the future. Come and join the fun! Contact: Lucille Wang, Café Coordinator, 626-487-6460

## **Songs of Peace Meditation Series**

6 Wednesdays, 3/8 through 4/12, 5:30-6:30PST, via Zoom (email [Office@tahoepiscopal.org](mailto:Office@tahoepiscopal.org) for the link)

A year ago, when Russia violently invaded Ukraine, we gathered in our circle to increase our capacity for peacemaking so that we could better aid, advocate, and heal loss. Today, our practice is still vital, as this devastating war continues. Please join our 6-week “Songs of Peace” series when you are able. We will practice mindful meditation and music from a range of artists and traditions to strengthen our resolve – and our power – to stand for peace. Thanks to Marsha Tejada for her help in preparing this series. All are welcome; recordings will be available on request. Peace and love, Clare.

## **Meeting of the Mystics**

We are starting a new book on March 7<sup>th</sup> so it's a great time to join us! This time we're discussing “Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul” by John Philip Newell. The group meets Tuesdays at 10am (hybrid in person/Zoom), dates: Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, & Apr 4. Contact Rev. Sarah for the zoom link if needed – [sdunn@tahoepiscopal.org](mailto:sdunn@tahoepiscopal.org).

## **St. Patrick's Day Party on March 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Join us for traditional music and eats as we celebrate our namesake saint after worship on March 19<sup>th</sup>, around 11:30am. The Bishop will be visiting us that day for confirmations as well. Please RSVP for the party at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-patricks-day-party-tickets-568366137417> or by emailing [office@tahoepiscopal.org](mailto:office@tahoepiscopal.org). Parishioners, friends, and acquaintances welcome. See you there!

### **Galilee's Body, Mind, and Soul Retreat**

Galilee's annual weekend retreat invites you to take time away from your busy life and engage in reflection and stress reduction. Individuals and couples can join us to practice techniques that support healthy and spiritually fit lifestyles. Come to Galilee and experience God in this special place. The weekend includes healthy meals and all program activities. Cost is \$295 for Derby Talbot Lodge; \$275 for Frensdorff Lodge; \$255 for Lewis & Delamar Cabins; and \$235 for Aurora & Tuscarora Cabins. \$75 deposit/person required. Register online at [galileetahoe.org](http://galileetahoe.org).

### **Stifled Grief: Solace for COVID and Lingering Heartache**

A day of gentle healing and restoration facilitated by our own Ginnie Jed. Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am -4pm at the Mercy Center in Sacramento, cost is \$40. See flyer for more information.

### **Easter Sunday is April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date!