

Third Sunday in
LENT



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Artist Reflection

You Are Worthy

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Inspired by Luke 13:1-9

How often does society wish us to feel like we are wasting soil? The whole capitalist system lurches forward, powered by our collective sense of unworthiness and our searching for worth based on what we produce. This parable upends the notion that we are what we produce, and speaks truth: you are worthy. You deserve rest and care simply for existing. What a gift!

In this image, I wanted the fig tree to look unremarkable, surrounded by the hands of the Gardener reaching down to lovingly massage the soil. The sleeves contain patterning of simplified visual references to everything a plant needs to not only survive, but to thrive. Starting close to the roots and moving upward, the patterns include water, air, sunlight, nutrients, and space. The emphasis in this image is on what is happening below the surface, in the depths of the dirt. The roots stretch toward the hands of the Gardener as the specks of dirt seem to also image the stars of the vast universe. Within us, despite what we produce, despite what can be seen at the surface, we contain multitudes. We bear the image of God, and our mere existence makes us worthy of Sabbath and the loving arms of the Gardener reaching out to provide us with everything we need.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Announcements

The Penitential Order *All stand.* BCP p. 351

Confession of Sin BCP p. 352

Kyrie *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 356

S 96 Lord, have mercy upon us *Schubert/Proulx*

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 357

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 Lessons

The people sit.

The First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the

Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 63:1-8

Remain seated. Prayed together.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ***
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live ***
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, ***
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, ***
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, ***
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; ***
your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but

with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn

All stand.

LEVAS – 228

Go down, Moses

Go Down, Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
To lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go. *Refrain*

They journeyed on at his command,
let my people go;
And come at length to Canaan's land,

let my people go. *Refrain*

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
And let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

All remain standing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come

looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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The Prayers of the People, Form 1

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Peace

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Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. You may drink from the chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping, or by intinction: lightly dip the wafer into the wine. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

Offertory Sentence

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Offertory Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail

Charles Wood

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,
Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!
Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise,

Old age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessed only see:
O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord,
and raise my soul to Thee!

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Please turn to BCP page 361 for Eucharist Prayer A, as led by the Celebrant. Service music can be found on the pew card.

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

Sanctus *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 362

S 130 Holy, holy, holy *Schubert/Proulx*

Celebrant and People

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

Memorial Acclamation *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 363

The Great Amen, S 147 *See pew card for music.*

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 363

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *See pew card for music.* BCP p. 364
S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God *Schubert*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us our peace.

Invitation BCP p. 364

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those worshiping virtually to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire

to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 – 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 1982 – 343

St. Agnes

Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,
_____ will take the Eucharist to _____ today.

All: In the name of 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 and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Solemn Prayer Over the People

Please kneel as you are able.

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God,
that by your great goodness they may be governed
and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

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Post-Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 – 149

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Old 124th

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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