



Welcome to Holy Faith Episcopal Church

A Welcoming Multicultural Community of Celebration, Transformation and Compassion

Our welcome to you...

As God's house, Holy Faith opens its doors to everyone. God's love is constant and Holy Faith celebrates the beauty in each one of us because we are all created in God's image. We believe the Holy Spirit embraces, protects, and cares for persons of every race, culture, gender, age, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and belief. Holy Faith respects all people and we welcome everyone to worship with us.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

8:00 am



Our commitment is to the safety and care of our Parish community and hospitality for our neighbors. These values mean that we will continue physical distancing and require masks for everyone at indoor gatherings. If you are healthy and vaccinated, please join us for in person worship. If you think you may be sick or are unvaccinated, you are invited to livestream the service.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

PENITENTIAL SENTENCES

The Celebrant and People together:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8, 9)

CONFESSION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Please wait while silence is kept in the presence of God.

**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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST LESSON

(Exodus 3:1-15)

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

- 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 LESSON

(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

(Luke 13:1-9)

A Reading from the life of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke

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

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

Remain standing

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 Rev. Daniel Tamm, Deacon, All Saints’ Beverly Hills

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son she is worshiped and glorified. She 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Our generous God hears us when we pray; therefore, let us pray,
Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: You know your Church, O God. You know that because of fear and greed, we are slow to offer the first fruits of our hearts. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. *(Silence)*
Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: You know the hearts of mortals, O God. You know that we are prone to hatred and division. Yet, you make no distinctions, but only love. Help us to be more like you. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: You know we are quick to exploit your creation, O God. You know we take the blessings of this life for granted. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: You know our temptations, O God. You know we are not as strong as we think we are. Give us your strength. Forgive us and come quickly to help us. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: You know our weaknesses, O God. You know we struggle in our pain; we suffer and experience trouble. Come quickly to help us. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: In you, O God, do we put our trust. We entrust to you our dead because you alone are our refuge and salvation. You alone are mighty to save. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: For all who have asked for or need our prayers, naming them either silently or aloud. (*Silence while intercessions may be offered*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church and for our own mission: Save us, O God. As we work to include all people, as we share the grace of God, and challenge ourselves to follow Christ. (*Silence*)

Hear us, O God;

People: **save us, O God.**

Celebrant: Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us greet each other in the name of the Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Remain Standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come,

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of our hearts, we are bold to say,

**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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People: **grant us peace.**

AN INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

For those not able to take communion at this time.

Let us pray.

People: **In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

People: **Lord God,
you have renewed us
with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him,
the true living bread.
Give us the will to be the servant of others
as he was the servant of all,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be To God!**

OBEMBE FAMILY PRAYERS

To Celebrate the 60th Birthday of our Son Julius Obembe, Jr.
which occurred on March 18, 2022

For the 13th Year in Mind of our beloved wife and mother
Chief (Mrs.) Beryl Abayomi Obembe,
who transited to join her maker on unique same day March 18, 2009

PRAYERS for safe traveling mercies for our father Julius Obembe Sr.,
for his journey, flying out to Nigeria on 22nd March 2022
and for a safe return journey on 28th June 2022.



PRAYERS

Jamesetta; Lonzi; Rosa; Guy; Tim; Maude and the Beezer family;
Craig; Jamie; Brian; Marjorie; Enrique; Francisco; Elisa;
Alex & Cathy; Joyce; Walter



LENT 2022

Growing in the Wilderness

Growing in the Wilderness: 5 Week Lenten series

Wednesdays @ 7pm: March 23, 30 & April 6
Click [here](#) to join via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out the Lenten Resources page on our website:
Click [here](#).

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 In Person Service 8am & 10am	28	1	2 Ash Wednesday 12 Noon & 7pm	3 Lectino Divino Bible Study & Reading 3pm	4 Dobby Gardens 4pm	5
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13 In Person Service 8am & 10am	14	15	16 Lenten series Wilderness 7pm	17 Lectino Divino Bible Study & Reading 3pm	18 Dobby Gardens 4pm	19
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Alexander Ike	10
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The Parable of the Fig Tree



" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).

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DOWN	FIND	VINEYARD	MAN	TOLD
PLANTED	USE	SOIL	ALONE	FIG
FERTILIZE	DIG	PARABLE	TREE	CUT





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