

Welcoming all in the name of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 8 a.m. March 3, 2024: The Third Sunday in Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the Celebrant enters the Chapel.

Penitential Order and Decalogue BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 351

Kyrie Book of Common Prayer, page 356

The Collect of the Day All remain standing.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

The Readings The texts of the Readings are provided inside

The Lesson

The Psalm

The Epistle

The Holy Gospel

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed All standing BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

All may greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer All stand.

The four Prayer Book forms of the Eucharistic Prayer begin on page 361. Following the proclamation of "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer (traditional form) BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 364

The Breaking of the Bread A brief silence is kept.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar rail.

Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing.

Post-Communion Prayer BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365 or 366 All pray together, kneeling.

The Blessing

Dismissal *All respond*: Thanks be to God.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024 9 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Prelude on These are God's Holy Ten Commands

Johann Sebastian Bach

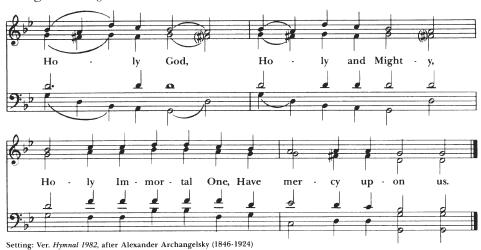
THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as the ministers enter.

Penitential Order

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 351

Trisagion sung three times



Confession and Absolution

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 360

Collect of the Day

The Readings All sit for the Lessons and Psalm.

The Lesson Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19 All say together.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sequence Hymn Lord Jesus, think on me HYMNAL, 641

The Holy Gospel All standing John 2:13-22

Response before the Gospel Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis

The Nicene Creed Congregation standing BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 358

The Prayers of the People Congregation standing

Intercessor O Lord, we put our trust in you;

People have mercy on us.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another.

Welcome and Announcements

Those wishing to make offerings by electronic transfer may use this QR Code to do so:



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn Praise to the Holiest in the height HYMNAL, 445, stanzas 1–4

All stand and sing together.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 361

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord All sing together

HYMNAL, S 129

Hymnal "S"-numbers refer to Service Music, printed at the front of the Hymnal.

The service continues on page 362 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer All say together

The Breaking of the Bread (A brief silence is kept.)

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

have mercy on us.

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

have mercy on us.

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

grant us peace.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those not wishing to receive Communion may come forward for a blessing. Parents are encouraged to bring children to receive Communion or a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer All say together

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 366

The Blessing

Final Hymn Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

HYMNAL, 559

Dismissal All respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in C minor

Bach

All who wish to listen to the postlude from the Choir Stalls are invited to do so.

Classes begin at 10 a.m.:

Christian Formation for children and youth;

Gospel & Breakfast with Young Adult Ministry and Parents of Little Ones in the Evans Room.

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Awareness Gathering

Please note that there will be no Priest and Rabbi class today. You are invited to the Capital Campaign's Awareness Gathering in McClintic Hall at 10 a.m.



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The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, Rector
The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, Associate Rector
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, Deacon
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, Assisting Pastor
The Rev. Carol Henley, Assisting Priest
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, Rabbi-in-Residence
Ms. Deanna Briody, McNulty Intern
Dr. Alan Lewis, Director of Music
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Mary Ann Packer, Guy Tillman, Sextons
Vivian Rispoli, A/V Technician
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Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

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Our Parish Life

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Girl Scout Cookies!

Lily will be fulfilling Girl Scout cookie orders **TODAY** after the 11 a.m. service. Please bring cash or a check to receive your pre-ordered cookies. Thank you for supporting our Girl Scout Troop!

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday**, **April 5, 2024.** Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Music at Calvary

Evensong for the month of March will take place *next* Sunday, March 10, at 5 p.m., with an extended prelude played by local lutenist Alfonse Ciaccio beginning at 4:45. Please join us then, and on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 24, also at 5 p.m., for a musical meditation on the Passion, a service somewhat reminiscent of Lessons and Carols, built around the narrative of the Passion and some of the beautiful musical responses that story has inspired from composers across the centuries.

Evening Prayer

As one of your Lenten disciplines, consider joining with other parishioners at Calvary for the service of Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. in the Lady Chapel each Monday and Thursday of Lent. We'll meet each Monday and Thursday through March 21. Praying at certain points of the day has its origins in Judaism and was practiced in the early church and monastic traditions. The service of Evening Prayer is about 20 minutes long and includes Psalms, Scripture, and Prayers for the day (but no sermon or music). If you have questions or are interested in helping to lead this service, please contact Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) or Michael Salmon (oriolefish@gmail.com).

Prayer and Anointing for Healing on Sundays at 11 a.m.

Throughout the season of Lent, we will offer healing prayer by anointing with oil and the laying on of hands during communion at the 11 a.m. service. If you would like to receive this healing prayer, please come to the Lady Chapel after you receive communion. The priest who is distributing communion at the station by the pulpit will join you there to offer this healing prayer. In Easter, we will evaluate to see if we want to continue this practice.

Christ-Centered Yoga

There will be NO Christ-centered yoga class on Monday, March 4. We're taking this week off. Yoga will return on Monday, March 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Every-body and all-bodies are welcome. You may join any week! We meet in the Parish Hall for 20-30 minutes of yoga, followed by journaling.

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Christ-Centered Yoga is led by Calvary parishioner, Elizabeth Hepburn Miller. Please contact her with questions or concerns at www.bebyelizabeth.com or email Elizabeth@BeByElizabeth.com.

Lenten Reading and Discussion Group – Julian of Norwich

Are you interested in deepening your Lenten observance, by sharing and reflecting together on a beautiful spiritual classic? Join us on **Thursdays in Lent from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (through March 21)** in the Evans Room (or by Zoom) for a guided discussion of Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Daniel Perett (dperett@gmail.com).

The first book written in English by a woman, Julian's *Revelations* are moving meditations on God's love, compassion, and care for us, based on a vision of Christ's passion that she received when she was thought she was dying. Keenly aware of suffering and human frailty, Julian shares a deeply reassuring message of hope, joy, and peace, centered in God's wondrous, unfailing love, a perfect message for our spiritual growth in Lent.

Gospel and Breakfast (GAB):

Sundays, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m., the Evans Room

This class is for young adults and parents of young children to meet for fellowship, light breakfast, and a discussion of the Gospel passage appointed for the day. We gather in the Evans Room on Sundays during the Christian Formation hour (10–10:45 a.m.). The nursery will be open at that time, or you can bring your little one(s) along if you prefer. Drop in whenever you can. No prior knowledge needed. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123).

The Bookstore at Calvary

During the holy season of Lent, the Bookstore has a variety of devotional books to read during this time including *The Book of Common Prayer* (available in leatherbound and soft cover), which contains the liturgies, prayers, and theological documents of the Episcopal Church. *Celtic Daily Prayer* and *Celtic Daily Prayer Book Two: Farther Up and Farther In* is prayers and readings from the Northumbria Community in northern England. *A New Zealand Prayer Book* offers services and prayers for holy days as well as for weekly services and personal meditation. *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book* is a book of prayer and practice – with disciplines, habits, and patterns for building a Christian spiritual life.

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.

Gun Safety Legislation

Last May the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed gun safety legislation with bipartisan support. These bills would establish universal background checks (HB 714) and create Extreme Risk Protection Orders (HB1018). The State Senate must hold hearings and vote on these bills in order for them to become law. This has not yet happened. Gun-safety advocacy groups are encouraging Pennsylvanians to contact the leaders of our State Senate and ask that the Senate move this legislation forward.

To help interested parishioners with this, a table of information and supplies will be set up in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 17, before and after each service. Jeanette Trauth, a member of Temple Sinai and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC), will be present during the Christian Formation hour (10–11 a.m.) that day to answer questions and otherwise help people

people write letters to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Lisa Baker, Senate Majority Leader Joe Pitman, and Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cameron (csoulis@calvarypgh.org), or Theresa Chalich (tchalich@gmail.com).

Food of the Month

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their wish list in March is instant mashed potatoes.** Of course, you may donate any nonperishable food item. Please leave your items in the shopping cart across from the reception desk. Thank you.

Tuesday Night 2024 Lenten Preaching Series

"Hope – Rooted in Christ"



6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon

March 5

St. Stephen's Preacher: The Rev. Liddy Barlow 600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

March 12

St. Andrew's Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer 5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

March 19

Redeemer Preacher: The Rev. Carter Hawley 5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill

Time to SPRING AHEAD on Sunday, March 10!

We return to Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks AHEAD one hour.



The Calendar

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Interlude Group

Society Lecture

East Liberty Valley Historical

Sunday March 3, 2024 **Thursday** March 7, 2024 The Third Sunday in Lent Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202 The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. 1:00 P.M. Afternoon Tea 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation Awareness Gathering 4:00 P.M. **CLASP Committee Meeting** 10:00 A.M. Awareness Gathering 6:00 P.M. **Evening Prayer** Gospel and Breakfast (GAB) 10:00 A.M. **Lenten Reading Series** 6:30 P.M. Choir Warm-up 10:00 A.M. Children's Liturgy 6:30 P.M. Mahjong 11:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. Inquirer's Class 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Heinz Chapel Choir Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M. 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour Friday March 8, 2024 **Monday** March 4, 2024 9:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking 5:00 P.M. Capital Campaign Meeting **Saturday** March 9, 2024 **Evening Prayer** 6:00 P.M. Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c. 394 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 7:30 p.m. The Concert for the **Human Family Tuesday** March 5, 2024 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting **Sunday** March 10, 2024 The Fourth Sunday in Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series at St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting The Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. Spiritual Reflection 7:00 P.M. 10:00 A.M. Children/Youth Formation Architectural History 7:30 P.M. 10:00 a.m. Priest/Rabbi Class Committee Gospel and Breakfast (GAB) 10:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-up Wednesday March 6, 2024 Children's Liturgy 11:00 A.M. Wednesday Workspace 9:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour 10:00 A.M. **ESL Conversation Class** Capital Campaign Lunch 12:15 P.M. **Holy Eucharist** 12:00 P.M.

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3:30 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

and Learn Gathering

Choir Warm-up

Evensong

EASTER DAY MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Easter Day bulletin, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, no later than Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Name (as you would like it to appear):

Donor's name:

Donor's telephone: (______)

Please mail to: Lynda Kennedy, Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

The Prayers of the People

For the Anglican Communion, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and The Church of the Province of Uganda.

For the Episcopal Church, and for The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.

For the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and for The Right Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak, Bishop.

For the parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, especially The Disciplinary Board; the Committee on Constitution & Canons; Andrew Roman, Chancellor.

Let us pray for those serving in the armed forces:

Christine DeForest, Tres Mellor, Robert Weaver, Jon Danchik, Chris Claunch, George Rossman, Brian Bongiovi, Lauren Laessig.

For those who are ill or convalescing:

Erica, Elise Power, Henry Albee, Jamie Rogers, Phyllis Ernst, Hattie Mauch, Judith Baskin, ++Michael Curry, Jeff Arberman, James Knight, Roy Murphy, Joan Rollins, Nancy Hudak, Janet, David Clark, Josh Butler, Kate, Jean Oh, Andrea, Beth Gallis, Thomas Gallagher, Jean Carver, Daniel Perett, Judith Morgan, Janice Myers, Lucy Duffy, Earl, Susan MacLeod, Marilyn Devereaux, Diana Jannetta, Pat, Judy, Shannon, Emily, Kristen, John Lovelace.

Let us remember those who continue in our prayers:

William Marchl+, Charles Mullen, David Rollins, Charlotta Ross, Mimi Doboy, Charlie Quillin, Holly Best, Marie Houston, Nikki Smith, Fairfax Seay, Paula King-Smith, Phyllis Hickok, Mary Anne Marchl, Betty Howard, Richard Zack, Walter Bowman, Stan Schoen, Doreen Putnam.

Let us pray for those who have been commended to our prayers:

Betty Shandor, Marjorie Wells, Linda Augustine, Sang Oh, Dorothy Tague, Tom Vig, Heidi Murrin, Joachim Bielert, Marilyn Corstange, Gary McCann, Dave Bruton, Alyson Holt, Debra Teton, Patricia, Carol Ann R., Jennifer S., Laura B., Patricia M., Marian G., Charles, Jeremiah McClung, Dave Arlotti, Mike, Ed Cohen, Carol, Hayden, Brian, Meredith G., Janie Leighton, Devlin Cato, Rebecca Rogovin, John, Nancy, Steve, Ernie, Betsy Mastaglio, Jason Durand, Barbara G., Paul Thompson, Lou and Nancy M., Cathie Keenan, Mary Kay D., Marsha Dilts, Eileen Simmons, Al Churley, Barbara, Judy, Mark Steinberg, Michael C., Anthony, Helene Burke, Walter Simmons, Alex, Aster, Gail, Megan and Mike and family, Judy, Jill W. and children, Katherine Plank, Marie Churley, April DeLucia, Stefania, Edward, Kathleen, Joe Hardy, Cathy Rielly-Goddard, Avi and family, Lisa, Kam Murrin, Dena Gallagher and family, Frankie Schell, Max and Leah Weiss, Mary G., Lynn Jolly, Paul Jolly, Paul Marvy family, Arnold Shurkin, Linda Almasy-Hohmann, David Hohmann, Marsha McElwain, Harry DeLuce, Chris Chaney, Kristen, Annette Bowen, Stefan, Denise Wolff Oetinger, John Rinozzi, Vincent Esposito, Katy Reeder, Allison, Rita Rose, Betty Chandler, Jon Burnett, Kevin Ayala, John Pranikoff.

For people throughout the world living with HIV and AIDS.

For caregivers.

For those who have died: Sal Ricottone (Diane Styles' nephew-in-law), Jerollyn McMahon (David Charonis' friend), Natalie Magula (Melissa Crimmins' mother).

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of

Daniel L. Barry, Sr., by Nancy Barry and her family.

Edyth B. Best and Harry Best, by Holly Best and their family.

Gina Strain, by Stephen Shandor.

Charles F. Wells.

In celebration of the ministries of John and Charles Wesley, by David Eichelberger.

[To add or remove names from the Prayer List, please contact Kim Pieratt at the church office: 412.661.0120, ext. 111; kpieratt@calvarypgh.org]

Participants in Today's Services

8 a.m. - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Cameron J. Soulis

Lector Elizabeth Pentin Chalice Bearer Judy Kimblin

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VergerSarah Wilson

Lectors Thomas Weiss, Adam Hallowell

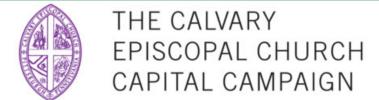
IntercessorBruce Adams

Chalice Bearers Vanessa Sterling, Fred Roth, Bonnie Weiss

UshersMike O'Brien, Matthew Lancaster, Laura Marchl

Coffee Hour Host The Calvary Choir

Flower Delivery Elizabeth Pentin, Susan Adams



PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

The Capital Campaign Committee cordially invites you to join them to engage with fellow parishioners, enjoy some nourishment, and learn more about the campaign.

On **Thursday, March 7 at 1 p.m.,** we will host an *Afternoon Tea* at Calvary, complete with requisite tea sandwiches and sweets.

On **Sunday, March 10 at about 12:15 p.m.** (following the 11 o'clock service Coffee Hour), we will host a *Lunch and Learn session*, providing a light lunch, beverages, and dessert.

Please sign up now by sending an email to campaign@calvarypgh.org or by calling the campaign phone at (412) 735-6918. (There are also sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.)

Notices for the Sunday service bulletin must be received by the end of the day on Wednesday each week. Please email your notice to calvary@calvarypgh.org

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

THE 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*.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus [20:1-17]

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Reader: The Word of the LORD. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

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- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [1:18-25]

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the LORD. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [2:13-22]

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, LORD Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, LORD Christ.