

**Welcome**  
to  
**Hope Episcopal Church**

We welcome you to this celebration of God's Good News!  
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome here!

May God's blessing and peace be with you.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Bishop of Missouri*  
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*  
Bobbi Reese, *Organist and Choir Director*  
Chris Sturgeon, *Contemporary Music Director*  
Debbie Boles, *Parish Administrator*



*Please silence your cell phones during the church service.*



**Liturgical Participants for March 12, 2023**

Rev. C. Earl Mahan, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Rev. Angela Ferree, *Deacon*  
Diane Stirling, *Eucharistic Minister and Lector*  
Bob Stirling, *Usher*  
Bobbi Reese, Bethany Barr, Bernard Barth, Katharine Brown,  
Heidi Hoffman Brown, Connor Donnelly, Jennifer Holtmann,  
Joanne Owen, Vicki Thompson, *Musicians*  
Kathy Joslin, *Counter*  
Kathy Joslin, Carol Link, Brenda Finch, Carie Kennedy, *Guild*  
Barry Schenck, Mark Dinzler, *Videography*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**PROCESSIONAL**            Come thou font of every blessing            LEVAS 111

**THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People:*     **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,

*People:*     **Abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

*Celebrant:* They shall say to the Holy One,

*People:*     **You are our refuge and our stronghold.**

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

**THE CONFESSION**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*People:*     **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

*Celebrant:* Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People:*     **We confess to you, O God.**

*Celebrant:* Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of others, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People:* **We confess to you, O God.**

*Celebrant:* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People:* **Accept our repentance, O God.**

*Celebrant:* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People:* **Accept our repentance, O God.**

*Celebrant:* Restore us, Holy God, and let your anger depart from us;

*People:* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

## THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Celebrant:* May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Kyrie

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*Cantor or Choir*

Ky . ri . e . e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*All*

Ky . ri . e . e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor or Choir*

Chri - ste e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*All*

Chri - ste e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor or Choir* *All*

Ky . ri . e . e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_ Ky . ri .

e . e . le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## **THE OPENING COLLECT**

*Celebrant:* 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 WORD OF GOD**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE FIRST LESSON: 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?"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE: Psalm 95**

*Venite, exultemus*

*(Read by all)*

Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
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!  
Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.  
They put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works.  
Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## **THE SECOND LESSON: 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Hymn 685

## **THE GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

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

*People:* **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.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. C. Earl Mahan

*Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand.*

**People:** 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Leader:* As the whole congregation of Israelites journeyed from the wilderness of Sin by stages, lead your people through the dry places, and quench our thirst with living water:

*People:* **The Lord is among us, as at Meribah!**

*Leader:* Reconciled to you and one another through Christ, grant us your peace for the living of our days, that we might learn endurance, grow in character, and attain to the hope that does not disappoint:

*People:* **Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Leader:* This Lent we strive to conform to the image of your Son as he challenged unreflective ways of thinking, ancient prejudice, and tired devotion; that our lives may show forth Christ's light:

*People:* **The Lord is among us, as at Meribah!**

*Leader:* We pray for our sick (*the people may offer their petitions*), for those who have died, and for those in need of strength and comfort:

*People:* **For you are our Rock and our salvation.**

*Leader:* In this week in which we observe the Feast of Óscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador we ask that we might be given a double measure of courage to contest against all oppression and make a way for the voiceless poor:

*People:* **The Lord is among us, as at Meribah!**

*Leader:* As your Son visited the Samaritan woman by the well at Sychar, make us also to share water with those who differ from us:

*People:* **For you are our Rock and our salvation.**

*Leader:* Render our worship authentic, and our praise true, granting us hearts that strive for those in need, that your will on earth might become our daily bread and sustaining drink:

*People:* **The Lord is among us, as at Meribah**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Celebrant:* I beseech you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*Please be seated.*

### **Offertory Music**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Celebrant:* On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

*Celebrant:* Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant:* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People:* **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast.

## Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## THE INVITATION

*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.

*Please be seated.*

## Communion Music

*If a Eucharistic visitor is to be sent, the following prayer is said. If no Eucharistic visitor is sent, the service continues with the Post-Communion Prayer.*

### **PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*Deacon:* 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.

*People:* **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared, the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer. The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.*

*Celebrant:* Jesus entered into a secluded place to rest and pray with his disciples. Therefore lets us find our resting place with Jesus in the silence.

### **The Lenten Post-Communion Prayer**

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant:* God is with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* **Eternal 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 who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Solemn Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us bow down before the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation leaves in silence.*