

# LENT

ST. JOHN'S POWELL, WYOMING



*Moses Blesses Joshua*, Marc Chagall, 1966  
Lithograph on paper

## WELCOME

We are so happy you are with us, whether this is your first time or your 553rd. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

## MOSES & JESUS

We enter Lent metaphorically as a wilderness time.

We dive into the dry and meditative land of self-examination and repentance; of prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

The journey from Lent to Easter is about fasting and repentance so that we may walk boldly into the tomb, declare it empty, and know that we are in the Promised Land. We can find ourselves in the commonwealth of God, in heaven on earth, freed from the weight and bondage of our brokenness.

This desert journey, as we know, has (or is) an echo of the most significant event in the Hebrew Bible: Moses leading the People Israel out of the bondage of slavery in Egypt through the wilderness, toward the Promised Land of Canaan.

There are many more parallels between Jesus and Moses besides the desert. They were both born in the midst of dreadful violence, they were pulled from the water as new people, they were so close to God their faces were transformed in God's presence, they were both teachers. Moses brought down The Law on tablets; Jesus brought the fulfillment of the law in his sermon on the Mount and in his life. These are only a few.

We hope that drawing these parallels together throughout the season of Lent may help you gather momentum to that Easter Day when Jesus not only makes it to the Promised Land, but calls us to dwell there even now.

## THE PRELUDE MUSIC

“TUVAYHUN - Beatitudes for a Wounded World” is a moving and innovative 80-minute work with a message of inclusion, trust, kindness, compassion, humanity, and mutual respect. **The work is based on the beatitudes.** As part of its message to embrace differences, this is a hybrid work with elements from classical, jazz, and world music. Available on Amazon and other digital music retailers.

## MINISTERS

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Altar Guild      | Mary Dillivan                 |
| Sound            | Steve Nickles                 |
| Greeter          | Cynthia Garhart               |
| Worship Leader   | Tim Glatzer                   |
| Musicians        | Tom Walker<br>Kathy Walker    |
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| Presider         | Paul-Gordon Chandler          |
| Communion Server | Laura Greathouse              |
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## PRAYERS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Barnabas', Saratoga

Lee & Kelly; Hunter & Charlotte; Shirley & Deb; Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Robin & Mark; Charlie & Jane; Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey; John Grover & Family; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike & Michelle; Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Bennett, Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, Marge

Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, Chip, Reece and Coleman who are serving in the military.

Josephine DeWitt who resides at Canyon Creek Care Center and Don Smith who resides at American House Assisted Living, Orange City, FL.

## CELEBRATIONS

Birthday: Charlotte Patrick—21<sup>st</sup>, Cynthia Garhart—22<sup>nd</sup>, Kye Stewart—24<sup>th</sup>,  
Nancy Fees—25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary: Jane Woods & Ray O'Brien—20<sup>th</sup>

## PRELUDE

“TUVAYHUN: XVIII. You are the Light,” Nidarosdomens Jentekor,  
Trondheimsolistene, Mohammed Al-Majzoub & Hans Fredrik Jacobsen.

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered
4. Then grant us Lord like them to be for - locked
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's
4. prayer and fast may be Our spir - its strength - en
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.

Text: LM; *Clarum decus jejunii*; St. Gregory the Great, ca. 540–604; tr. fr. the *English Hymnal*, 1906;  
Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: J. Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543;  
adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

## GATHERING

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

People of God, in this time of temptation how will you live?

**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, who will you serve?

**We worship the Lord our God alone.**

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ

to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity.

**Guide us by the wisdom of the cross,**

**and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and peace.**

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Let us pray.

Rugged God of desert,

as we devote these forty days to you,

shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our brother,

that we find the road that leads to life,

that we take the turns that bring right relationships;

and accompany others on the way;

so that when your goodness passes in front of us

our transformation is complete. Amen.

## SEEKING REPENTANCE

*The cantor sings once, we sing through twice.*

Turn our hearts to you, O God. With you there is heal-ing,  
whole-ness and for-give-ness, free-dom from fear, last-ing peace.

\*Verses available in accompaniment books.

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## **CONFESSION**

We confess our sins,  
trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than in our own.

**Merciful God, how fickle we are;  
we sin against you without even knowing it.**

**Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,  
and save us from willfully ignoring your way.**

**Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything but you.**

**Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships  
with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.**

**Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,  
rather than words that belittle or destroy.**

**Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.**

**Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power.**

**Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.**

**In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## **FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and sisters,  
in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and in his coming again,  
we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness  
with God and with one another!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

*We sit.*

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in barren expanse,  
in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today  
so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled  
and the kingdom has come near.

**Amen.**

A reading from \_\_\_\_.

*After the reading*

Word of God, Word of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from \_\_\_\_.

*After the reading*

Word of God, Word of promise.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

You are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the house of slavery:  
as we search for water in a dry and weary land  
forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead,  
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus  
and pray for all humanity, saying

Lord, speak to us in this uncharted territory.

**Show us the way to walk.**

*The intercessor continues, closing with*

God of the poor in spirit, forgive us for treading so gracelessly on this journey.

Outfit us for the next leg of this trip with you with generosity, wonder, humility,  
and courage, with water from the spring, bread from the earth, that we may follow  
Jesus with our every step.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We may greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

This is a house of prayer, a place of healing and restoration,  
a place where we bring before God our provisions to be used for present needs.  
Let us present our pledges and plate offerings to God.

### **MUSIC**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive,” Rosamond E. Herklots.



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God of forgiveness.

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

Thanks and praise are yours, Holy God,  
because you remain faithful through our unfaith  
and devoted amid our unbelief.

You called a people to share a life with you.

And when they were captive in Egypt,  
with a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and your prophet Moses,  
you brought them out of oppression,  
through the temptations of the desert wanderings  
where you were constant in fire and cloud;  
with manna and mercy you sustained each step.

You gave Moses the strength of leadership, the Law set in stone,  
a face shining with sacred intimacy, and a promised place of new life.

In time, your Son came among us,  
facing desolation, temptation, and hunger without bread,  
to bring us out of the oppression of sin with his gifts of healing,  
to live into a new covenant, fulfilling all the law.

His face shone with the light of love;  
he promised a place of never-ending life.

Restoring God, in wild, desolate places  
we are shaped by our struggles,  
but have found, in your sheltering presence  
that rocks have yielded water,  
and manna has appeared on the ground.

Through Jesus' resurrection you brought us out of death  
into the fullness of green pastures:  
your fruit-bearing, fruit-sharing life.

And so with all who have walked the wilderness way  
in every time and all who walk it this day,  
we rejoice with every generation in heaven  
and on earth in this hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of seven staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of'. The second staff continues with 'hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your'. The third staff has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san -'. The fourth staff has 'na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fifth staff has 'Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the'. The sixth staff has 'Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -'. The seventh staff has 'na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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We remember that it was on the night before he died  
when Jesus was at supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying  
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying  
“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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res-ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'free'.

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God of wilderness and God of promised land,  
through this meal strengthen us to keep our Lenten fast.  
With your Spirit, bless this bread and this wine,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we remember Jesus' saving passion;  
transform our insatiable desire into hunger for the feast of this table.  
With your mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
uphold all those enduring trials  
and any who know their life is at stake.  
Be with your children who are heavy laden,  
and all who labor beneath the misuse of power by another.  
Amid all our temptations, shape us to be faithful to your kingdom first,  
until the day when in your resurrection there is one life,  
one sharing, one holy communion among all for ever:  
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## AMEN

A - men, a - men,  
a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody for the word 'Amen' repeated twice.

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## BREAKING BREAD AND INVITATION

This is the bread of life,  
come from heaven.  
**Into our hands which have clutched at stones,**  
**we now take the feast.**  
God's sustaining gifts for God's hungry and thirsty people.

## COMMUNION

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.*

*We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread, only wine, or both. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

*Receiving the bread and wine is the central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.*

## MUSIC

“Create In Me A Clean Heart,” Keith Green.

“Lord Have Mercy,” Michel Coeuriot / Michel Jonasz.

## THANKSGIVING

*We stand.*

*Let us pray.*

**God of Moses, God of Jesus:**

**you have given us bread from heaven**

**to nourish our faith, increase our hope,**

**strengthen our love, and sustain us on the journey.**

**Teach us to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,**

**and help us to live by the Word that proceeds from your lips**

**and finds footing in our hearts. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;  
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;  
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice:  
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.  
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,  
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!  
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;  
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;  
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross:  
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.  
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.  
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.  
And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

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Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

## **SENDING**

Journeying with you, Creator God,  
is to journey in your world  
full of marvels and harsh beauty,  
to glimpse eternity in the sky and the desert,  
to feel the earth and rock beneath our feet.

**Amen.**

Journeying with you, brother Jesus,  
Is to journey with your friends,  
to meet and travel a while together,  
then part at the intersections,  
knowing you are with us all.

**Amen.**

Journeying with you, Holy Spirit,  
is to journey with the wind,  
to move to your wild music,  
to sing your song so others may hear.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Lord Have Mercy on My Soul,” Jesse Milnes.

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