

***Third Sunday of Lent  
March 24, 2019  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Processional	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	<i>Hymnal #390</i>
Opening Acclamation	<i>The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-323</i>	
Collect for Purity		BCP-323
<i>Kyrie</i>		WLP#840
The Collect of the Day		insert
First Reading	Exodus 3:1-15	insert
Psalm	Psalm 63:1-8	insert
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest</i>	H#305
The Gospel	Luke 13:1-9	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed		BCP-326
Prayers of the People		BCP-328
The Confession and Absolution		BCP-330
The Peace		BCP-332
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>O Saving Victim</i>	<i>by Alec Rowley</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	H#380 (v.3)

Eucharistic Prayer I		BCP-333
<i>Sanctus</i>		S-114
The Lord's Prayer		BCP-336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP-337
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP-337
Fraction Anthem	<i>Bless the Lord my soul</i>	WLP#825
Communion Hymns		
	<i>O Lord hear my pray'r (Psalm 51) Before thy throne, O God, We Kneel Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>	WLP#827 H#574 H#313
Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP-365
Recessional	<i>When Israel Was in Egypt's Land</i>	H#648
Dismissal		BCP-339

**Ministries for the Day**

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Bill & Fisher Van Der Tulip
Healing Ministry	Kristin Anderson
Chalice	Brooks Jones & Susie Wagoner
Lectors	George Rudo & Jim Anderson
Prayers	Susan Galloway
Music	Ina M. Meyer & the Choir
Greeters	Charlie & Brenda Galloway
Altar Guild	Candace Springer & Susan Galloway
Hospitality	EfM

***Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour***

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## STANDING?

“So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall,” the apostle Paul cautions us in our epistle lesson today. How secure is our footing; how slippery is our slope? The season of Lent provides the opportunity for us to look at where we are standing—at our stand point. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we discover that the place on which we are standing is holy ground—in the presence of God—whether, like Moses, we know it or not.

Thinking of my stand point, I am reminded of that old gospel hymn by Edward Mote, “On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.” That chorus is based on the parables of Jesus



(Mt.7:24-27, Lk.6:47-49) where the wise one builds his house on a rock so that it withstands the storms and floods; not so with the foolish one whose house is built on sand and founders. How firm is my foundation, yours? Is it deep enough to reach the bedrock of God’s steadfast love, to survive the tumultuous storms life

may send our way? Can we recognize and acknowledge the holy ground on which we are standing here and now?

God is the very ground of our being. Do we find ourselves grounded in God’s love, or are we “wasting the soil” in which we are planted like the barren fig tree in our gospel lesson? In our Lenten self-examination, if we find ourselves in the latter camp, may we look to the One that Paul calls the spiritual rock that was the source of the living water to the Israelites on their wilderness journey, to Christ Jesus trusting in him to cultivate our roots and nourish us on the way to maturity and fruitfulness, to lift us up if we fall and set us back on the firm foundation of God’s presence in our lives.

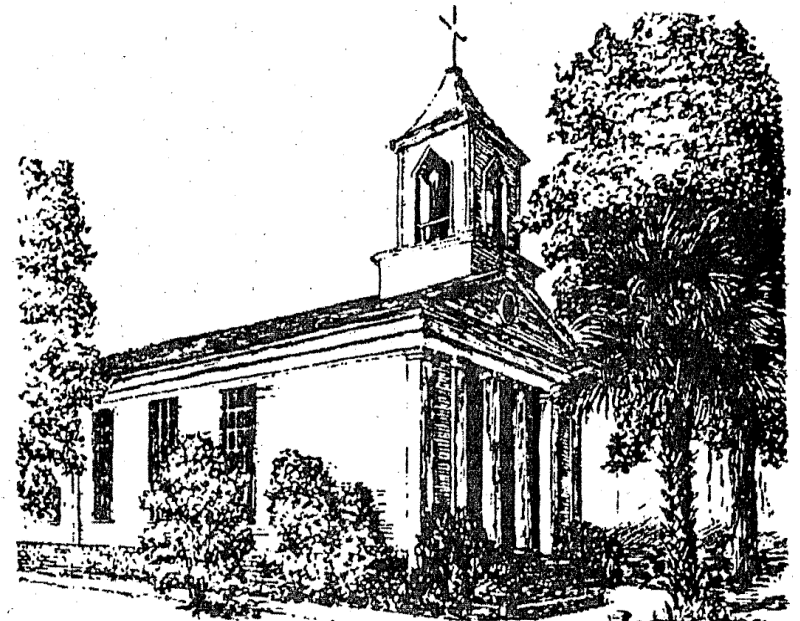
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