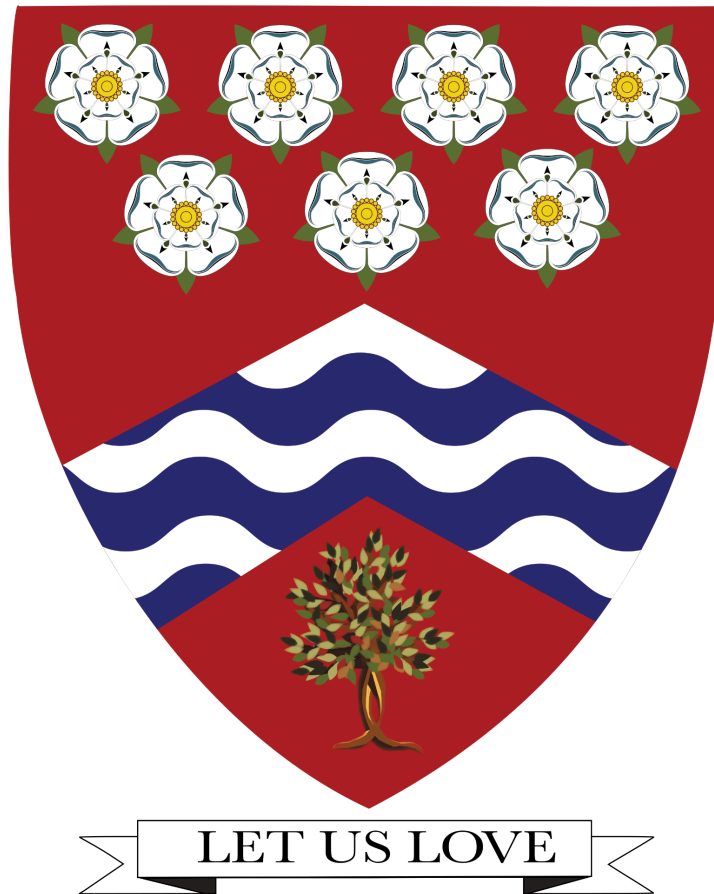


Church of the Little Flower
Berkeley Heights, NJ



Third Sunday of Lent
March 22-23, 2025

Entrance Hymn

LED BY THE SPIRIT

KINGSFOLD



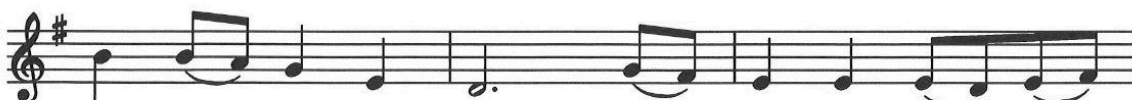
1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -



1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his
2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -
3. birth With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it
4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to



1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but
3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall
4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to



1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
2. nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of
3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -



1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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Kyrie

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

First Reading
Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water,
the people grumbled against Moses,
saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?
Was it just to have us die here of thirst
with our children and our livestock?"
So Moses cried out to the Lord,
"What shall I do with this people?
A little more and they will stone me!"
The Lord answered Moses,
"Go over there in front of the people,
along with some of the elders of Israel,
holding in your hand, as you go,
the staff with which you struck the river.
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it
for the people to drink."
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.
The place was called Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled there
and tested the Lord, saying,
"Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

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March 23, 2025

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (28)

Ben Walther

RESPONSE (♩ = ca. 82)

Capo 3: (Bm) (D) (Gmaj7) (D/F#) (Em7) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Dm F Bbmaj7 F/A Gm7 F/A Bb F

Melody
 Tenor (*Svb*)
 Alto
 Harmony

If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

VERSES

(G/D) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#)
 Bb/F F C Bb F/A

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us ac -
 2. (-----) Come, let us bow down in worship; let us
 3. Oh, that to - day you would hear his voice: "Harden not your

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(A) C (G) B \flat (D/F \sharp) F/A (A) C

1. claim the Rock of our sal - vation. Let us come into his pres - ence with thanks -
 2. kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we _____ are the
 3. hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Mas - sah in the

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D/F \sharp) F/A

1. giv - ing; let us (-----)
 2. peo - ple he (-----)
 3. des - ert, where your fathers tempted me; they

(Em7) Gm7 (Asus4) Csus4 (A) C

(a tempo) (a tempo) D.C.

1. joyfully sing psalms _____ to _____ him. _____
 2. shepherds, the flock _____ he _____ guides. _____
 3. tested me though they had seen my works." _____

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have gained access by faith
to this grace in which we stand,
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.
And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: cf. John 4:42, 15

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. IX-a

Optional Descant

Praise you, Lord, — King — of glo - ry!

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, — King of end - less glo - ry!

Verse: (Cantor or SATB)

Lord, you are tru - ly the Sav - ior of the world; —

give me liv - ing wa - ter, that I may nev - er thirst a - gain.

I may nev - er thirst a - gain.

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Gospel
John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there.

Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well.
It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."

His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"
—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her,

"If you knew the gift of God
and who 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 do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep;
where then can you get this living water?

Are you greater than our father Jacob,
who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself
with his children and his flocks?"

Jesus answered and said to her,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him,

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not 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 and said to him,
“I do not have a husband.”
Jesus answered her,
“You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a 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 can see that you are a prophet.
Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain;
but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.”
Jesus said to her,
“Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You people worship what you do not understand;
we worship what we understand,
because salvation is from the Jews.
But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth;
and indeed the Father seeks such people 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 the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ;
when he comes, he will tell us everything.”
Jesus said to her,
“I am he, the one speaking with you.”

At that moment his disciples returned,
and were amazed that he was talking with a woman,
but still no one said, "What are you looking for?"
or "Why are you talking with her?"
The woman left her water jar
and went into the town and said to the people,
"Come see a man who told me everything I have done.
Could he possibly be the Christ?"
They went out of the town and came to him.
Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."
But he said to them,
"I have food to eat of which you do not know."
So the disciples said to one another,
"Could someone have brought him something to eat?"
Jesus said to them,
"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me
and to finish his work.
Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'?
I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest.
The reaper is already receiving payment
and gathering crops for eternal life,
so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.
For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.'
I sent you to reap what you have not worked for;
others have done the work,
and you are sharing the fruits of their work."
Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him
because of the word of the woman who testified,
"He told me everything I have done."
When the Samaritans came to him,
they invited him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days.
Many more began to believe in him because of his word,
and they said to the woman,
"We no longer believe because of your word;
for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

YOU ALONE

Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Refrain



You a-lone are ho-ly, you a-lone are Lord. You a-lone are
wor-thy to be hon-ored and a-dored. Mer-cy you have
giv-en, kind-ness you have shown. Love is you a-lone.

Verses



1. Who of us is sin-less in this place? Who of us de-
2. What is there to do but thank you, then, for the gift that
1. serves your sav-ing grace? Who of us is good
2. we might call you friend? Great-er love has not
1. at all with-out your bless-ed love that falls up-
2. been known than that for which you gave your on-ly
2 to Refrain
1. on our hearts to heal our bro-ken-ness?
2. son, that you might see us, pure and blessed.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosana in the highest.

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

Hosana, hosana in the highest.

Hosana, hosana in the highest.

When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread

and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord,

until you come again,

until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

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.

Communion

BREAD OF ANGELS

Curtis Stephan



1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -



1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our



1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!



1. *Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,*
2. *O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,*
3. *Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,*
4. *Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - dí - mus,*



1. *Dat pa - nis cáe - li - cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.*
3. *Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.*



2. *Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.*
4. *lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.*

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Song of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



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Recessional

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

CRUCIFER

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore

Verses



his sa - cred name. 1. Led on their way by this tri - um-phant
2. Each new-born ser - vant of the Cru - ci -
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev - er

to Refrain



1. sign, The hosts of God in con-quiring ranks com-bine.
2. fied Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. tree, As thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.
4. be: Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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