



The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide. Our congregational hymns are from in the blue Hymnal 1982 and in the spiral-bound Advocate Songbook.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522

All stand, as able.

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

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bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

on the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **Whose mercy endures forever.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

Summary of the Law

Cantor *All*

Je - sus said: The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God is the on - ly Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Cantor *All*

The second is this: Love your neighbor as your - self.

There is no other com - mand - ment greater than these."

Setting: *Audi, Israel* Charles Rus (b. 1960)

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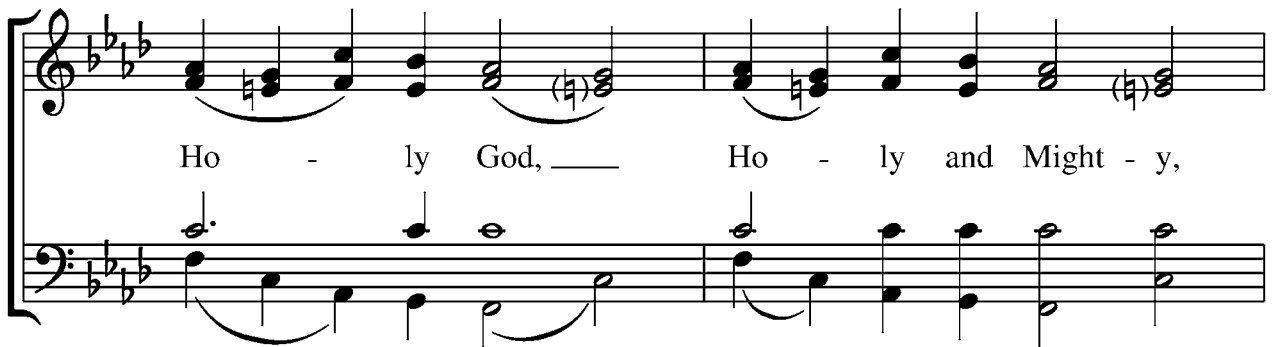
Opening Acclamation

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

People **Almighty God:
We have sinned against you
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Trisagion



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitatis Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924), © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.

³ For you, O God, are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.

⁴ In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God our Maker.

⁷ For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

⁸ Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the
wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they
tempted me.

⁹ They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not
know my ways."

¹¹ So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

The Second Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

All who hunger gather gladly

Wonder, Love, and Praise 761

As you are able, please stand for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.



*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,
Begot / ten, 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
Vir/gin 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 gi/ver 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 apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor God of love and mercy;

People Hear our prayer.

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession

Lord, prepare me

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

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Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
Haz de mí, Dios, hoy, un san - tua - rio vi - vo; pu - ro y



ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
san - to, fiel a ti. Dan - do gra - cias, se - ré por



liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you. you.
siem - pre tu san - tua - rio, has - ta el fin. fin.

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The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

There is a balm in Gilead

Hymnal 676

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed

whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to

1 heal the sin - sick soul. 2 soul.

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1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

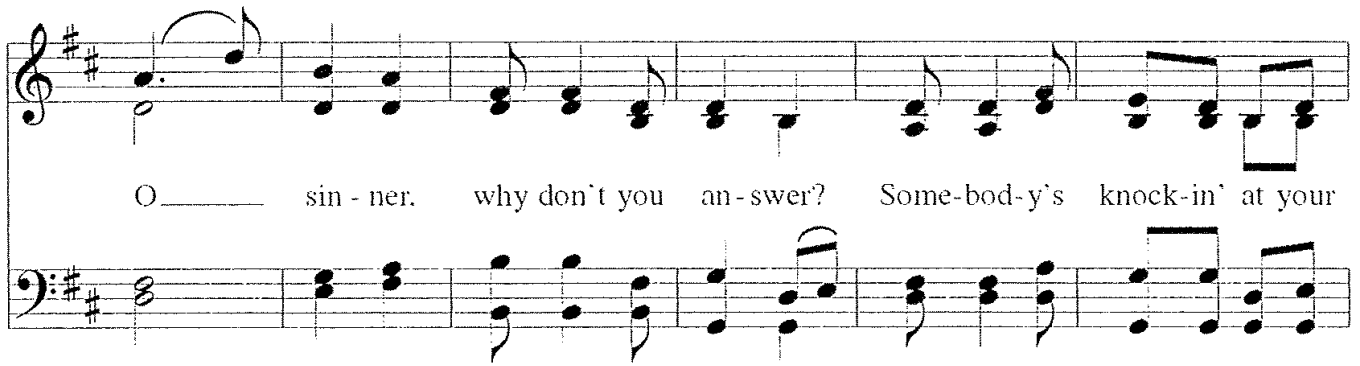
Going-Forth Hymn

Somebody's knockin' at your door

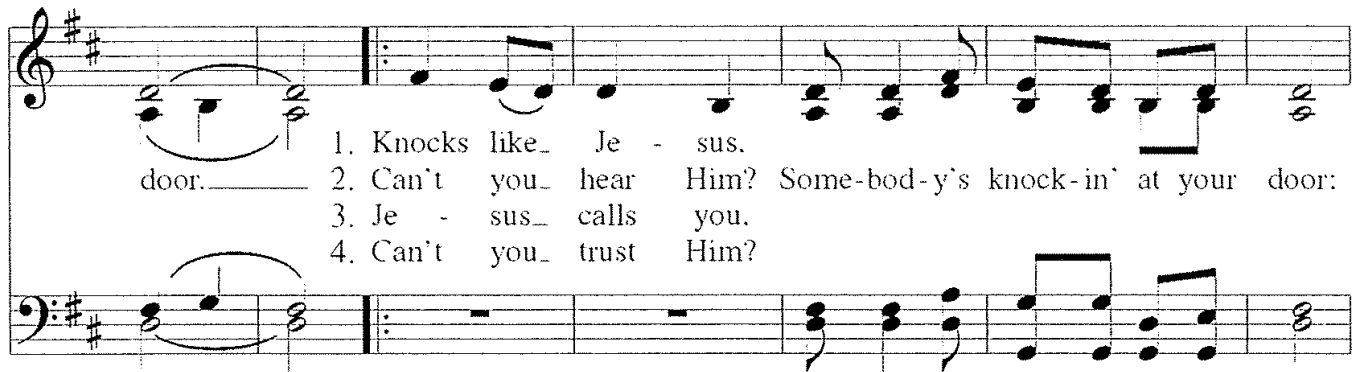
Advocate Songbook 77

Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door: Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door:

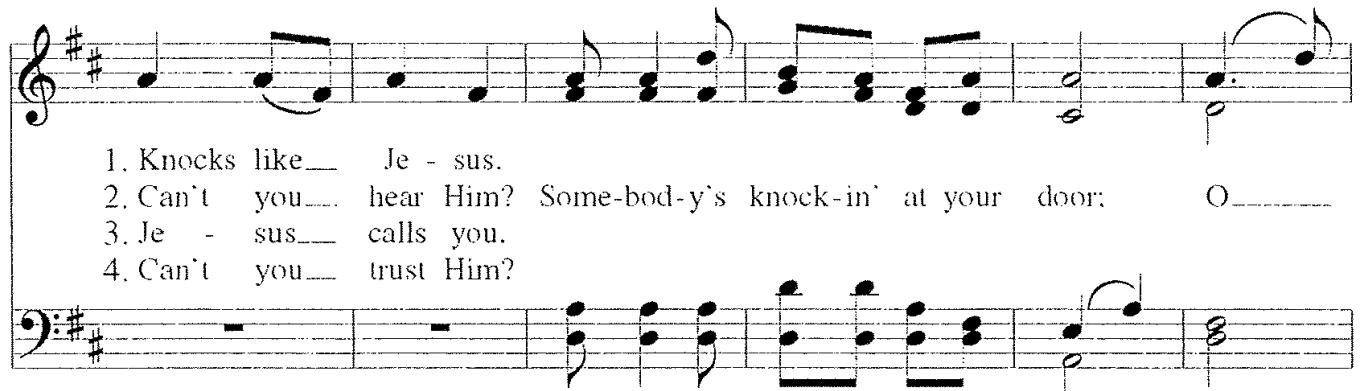
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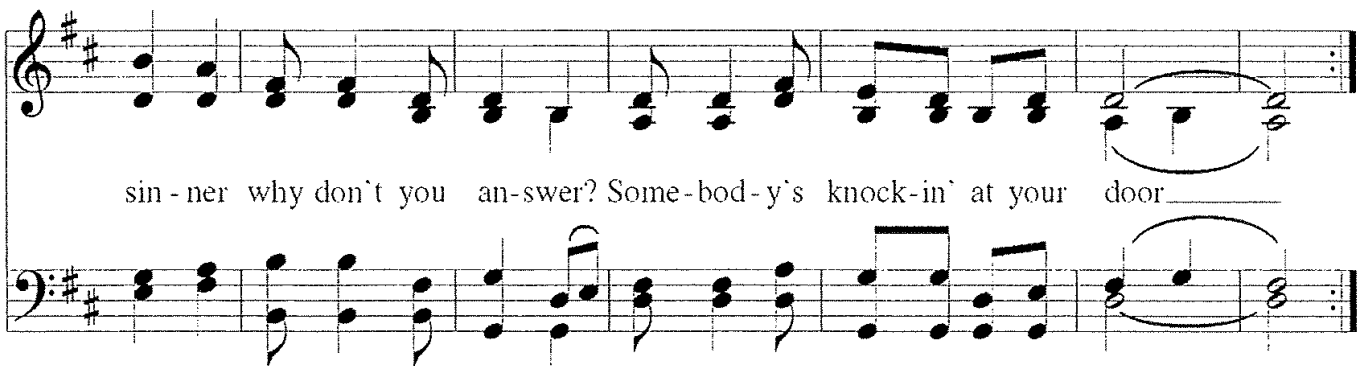
O sin-ner. why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your



door. 1. Knocks like Je - sus.
2. Can't you hear Him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door:
3. Je - sus calls you.
4. Can't you trust Him?



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Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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