

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters.

**Isaiah 55:1a**

O God, you are my God, I  
seek you, my soul thirsts  
for you. **Psalm 63:1a**

All drank the same spiri-  
tual drink, for they drank  
from the spiritual rock  
that followed them, and  
the rock was Christ.

**1 Corinthians 10:4**

“He replied, ‘Sir, let it  
alone for one more year,  
until I dig around it and  
put manure on it.’”

**Luke 13:34b**

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**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**+Introit 814**

1 x Piano introduction

2 x All Sing

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.*

**Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Litany for Lent**

Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord.  
*Come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give.*  
Dip your hands in the stream, refresh body and soul,  
drink from it, depend on it, for this water will never run dry.  
*Come, all who are thirsty says Jesus, our Lord.*

**\*+Hymn 479**

*“Ho, All Who Thirst”*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Great Spirit,  
Whose dry lands thirst,  
Help us to find the way to refresh your lands.  
Great Spirit,  
Whose waters are choked with debris and pollution,  
Help us to find the way to cleanse your waters.  
Great Spirit,  
Whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse,  
Help us to find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork.  
Great Spirit,  
Whose creatures are being destroyed,  
Help us to find a way to replenish them.  
Great Spirit,  
whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption,  
Help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

**Kyrie**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*+Response 437**

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**Blessing the World**

China, Tibet, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau

**First Pew From a Distance**

**+Response**

*These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus' name.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 13:6-9

**Sermon**

*“This Desert Longing”*

**\*+Hymn 715**

*“The Earth Belongs to God Alone”*

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Response**

*Let us be bread blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured,  
let us be one in the Lord.*

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

**\*Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Benediction**

**\*Sending**

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.  
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.  
Deep peace, falling over you. God's peace, growing in you.*

† † †

A land of lost rivers, with little  
in it to love; yet a land that  
once visited must be come  
back to inevitably.

**Mary Austin**

It does not take long for the  
desert dweller to discover that  
the demons [are] within and  
to be engaged on the battle-  
ground of the soul.

**Ernest E. Larkin**

The restlessness of the human  
heart is ever absorbed in a  
longing that finds rest only in  
that which transcends all long-  
ing.

**Beldon Lane**

No love is greater than desert  
love.

**Paul J. Kowaleski**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Opening Prayer**

*A Celtic Lenten Journey*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

New Zealand Prayer Book

**Flowers**

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**Sunday, March 20 • Third Sunday in Lent**

*Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship and Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Monday, March 21**

6:30 p.m. EPYA - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 22**

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Wednesday, March 23**

12:00 p.m. Potomac-Mecklenburg Garden Group - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 25**

9:00 a.m. Friday Painter's Group - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

**Saturday, March 26**

12:00 p.m. Holy Dunkers Fundraiser at the Princess Street boat ramp/Shepherdstown

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 27 • Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship and Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
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1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class via Zoom

**THE HOLY DUNKERS FUNDRAISER**, Saturday, March 26, 12:00pm - 2:00pm. Pastor Gusti, Debbie Romano, Lynn Dampman, Rie Wilson, Suellen Myers and William Gonano will dunk themselves in the Potomac to raise money for climate action. Seeking additional volunteers and sponsors, who will match other donors' contributions. Contributions will go toward native plants for the Habitat House and the church building. Contact Chris Madeo (cmadeo@myactv.net or 301-988-4050) for further information, to volunteer as a dunker, or to sponsor a dunker. Sponsor Tally Sheets are avail-

able on the table in the Fellowship hall and the website.

**A NOTE FROM SHEPHERDSTOWN SHARES.** Look for the Share the Wealth signs in windows at local businesses. You can help our local merchants and business owners by donating \$25 at [www.shepherdstownshares.org](http://www.shepherdstownshares.org). SS keeps \$5 to fund outreach programs and you receive a \$20 coupon to spend at any business displaying the sign. Cari Simon, SS VP and Food Pantry Coordinator.

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**Season of Lent**

Third Sunday

**March 20, 2022**

11:00 a.m.

Psalm 63

O Love, You are my Beloved, and I long for You, my soul thirsts for You;  
All that is within me thirsts, as in a dry and barren land with no water.  
So I have called out to You in my heart, sensing your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is Life to me, my lips will praise You.

I would radiate your love as long as I live,  
becoming a blessing to others in gratitude to You.

My soul feasts as with a magnificent banquet,  
and my mouth praises You with joyful lips,  
When I ponder on your kindness, and meditate on You throughout the night;  
For You have been my salvation, and in the shadows of your wings I sing for you,  
My soul clings to You, your love upholds me.  
The fears that seem to separate me from You shall be transformed and disappear;  
As they are faced, each fear is diminished;  
they shall be gone as in a dream when I awaken.  
And my soul shall rejoice in the Beloved;  
You who open your heart to Love will live in peace and joy!

Nan Merrill

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