



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CONTEMPLATIVE PRERECORDED SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Officiant: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys | Musician: Alisa Horn, cello**

**Virtual Congregation:** *Please join the Officiant and the Musician in silence and for the lighting of candles including any candles you may light wherever you are.*

**Welcome** *The Officiant*

*After the sound of a bell*

**Music for Meditation:** *Sarabande, from Unaccompanied Suite No. 3*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**The Collect**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Meditation** *offered by The Officiant followed by 30 seconds of silence started and ended with the sound of a bell*  
*Hope by Lisel Mueller*

It hovers in dark corners  
before the lights are turned on,  
it shakes sleep from its eyes  
and drops from mushroom gills,  
it explodes in the starry heads  
of dandelions turned sages,  
it sticks to the wings of green angels  
that sail from the tops of maples.

It sprouts in each occluded eye  
of the many-eyed potato,  
it lives in each earthworm segment  
surviving cruelty,  
it is the motion that runs the tail of a dog,  
it is the mouth that inflates the lungs  
of the child that has just been born.

It is the singular gift  
we cannot destroy in ourselves,  
the argument that refutes death,  
the genius that invents the future,  
all we know of God.

It is the serum which makes us swear  
not to betray one another;  
it is in this poem, trying to speak.

**Music for Meditation:** *Après un Rêve*  
*Candles may be lighted. After the music has ended and the sound of a bell, all say*

Gabriel Fauré

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings** *may be offered in the silence of our hearts*

### **The Blessing**

And now, the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

**Music for Meditation:** *Prelude, from Unaccompanied Suite No. 1*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**The Dismissal** *The service concludes with the sound of a bell and silence.*

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