

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Liturgical Note (Due to the solemn nature of the season of Lent, our Lutheran Liturgy omits the usage of all “Alleluias”, the “Feast of Victory”, the Gloria in Excelsis and the “Thank the Lord” responses.)

OPENING HYMN 434:1 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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+ *CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION* +

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE pg 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 33: 7-20 (ESV pg. 721)

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85: 1-13 (ESV pg. 493, spoken responsively)

P LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

P You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

- C Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**
- P Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- C Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
- P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- C Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- C Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- P Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- C Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**
- P Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 (ESV pg. 957)

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter, (vs. 1-9 ESV pg. 872)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear

fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 756 *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me? Christ is near
With His cheer; Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven That God's Son
For me won When His life was given?
- 2 When life's troubles rise to meet me, Though their weight
May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them; He who knows
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
- 3 God gives me my days of gladness, And I will
Trust Him still When He sends me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me Day by day,
Come what may, Guides me and defends me.
- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever, For I am
His dear lamb, He, my Shepherd ever.
I am His because He gave me His own blood
For my good, By His death to save me.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE *pg. 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

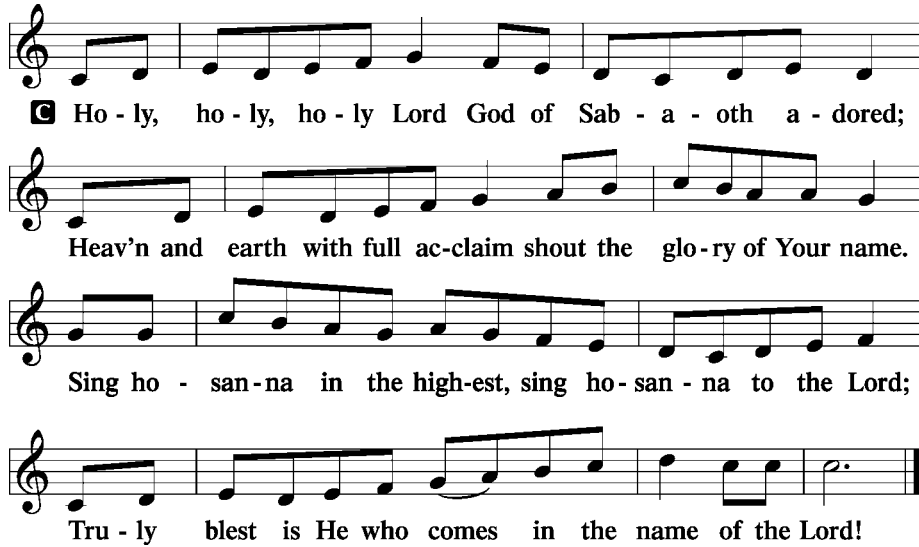
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

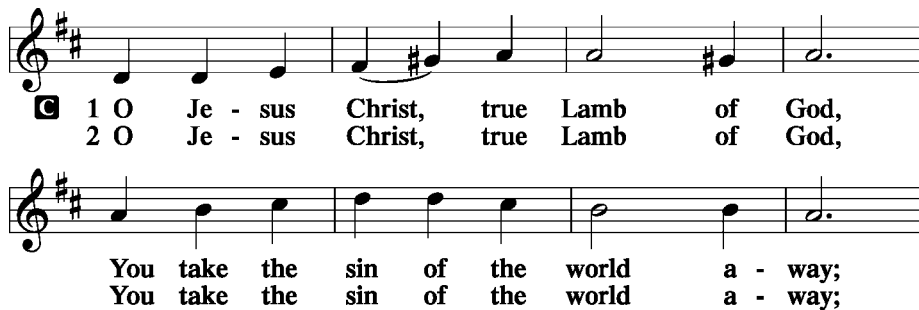
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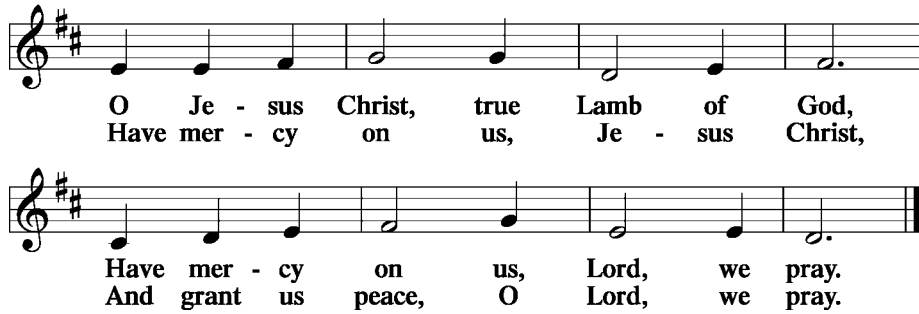
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI pg 210



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 733 *God, Our Help in Ages Past*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

719 *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

- 1 I leave all things to God's direction; He loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure His affection; His tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is He: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for me will never cease.
Upon His hands He did engrave me With purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 3 My God desires the soul's salvation; My soul He, too, desires to save.
Therefore with Christian resignation All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.
- 4 My God has all things in His keeping; He is the ever faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping, And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally: What pleases God, that pleases me.

Stand

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS *pg. 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION *pg. 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me, Though it might,
Day and night, Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal From the strife
Of this life To His joy immortal!

SILENT PRAYER

Next Week's Lessons
4th Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 12: 1-6
Psalm 32: 1-11
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15: 1-3, 1-32

Lent 6 Mid Week
March 23
Psalm 45
Ephesians 5: 25-33
Matthew 19: 4-8

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