



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

Call to Worship

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions:

C **He was bruised for our iniquities**

P To Him who loves us, and gave Himself up for us.

C **Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C **And to the Holy Spirit;**

P as it was in the beginning,

C **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me—wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

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Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Response of Praise 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 33:7–20

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. ⁸If 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. ⁹But 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.

¹⁰“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?’ ¹¹Say 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?

¹²“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. ¹³Though 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. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if 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. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

📖 This is the Word of the Lord **🙏** **Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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.”⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.¹¹Now 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.¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.¹³No 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord **G** **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

here were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.⁷And 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?’⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord **G** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Hymn “As Surely as I Live,” God Said

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1 “As surely as I live,” God said,
“I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error’s ways,
Repentant, living endless days.”

2 And so our Lord gave this command:
“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;
Bestow on all My pard’ning grace
Who will repent and mend their ways.

3 “All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,

And those whose sins you will retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;

To My dear Church the keys are giv'n
To open, close the gates of heav'n."

7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.

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△ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!

(Please stand, as you are able)

I Believe (The Creed)

Chorus: I believe. I believe. This I do believe.

I believe. I believe. This I do believe.

I believe in God the Father,
Our Almighty Lord and King.
He created earth and heaven,
And He still makes everything.

I believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Sacred Child of virgin birth
On the cross He suffered greatly
For the sins of all on earth.

Chorus

He arose, the Conqueror of death
Took His place at God's right hand.
He will judge the living and the dead
And the righteous ones shall stand.

I believe in the Holy Spirit
Who's our Comforter and Guide.
I believe in the Holy Christian Church
Where the blessed saints abide.

Chorus

I believe that God forgives my sins
Through His blessed saving grace.
At the end we believers will arise
And in heaven take our place.

Chorus 2X

Words and music by L. N. Lemond
Accompaniment by Allan Evett

Peace of the Lord

(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **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 forever and ever. Amen.

Preface

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.**

The Word of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lamb of God by Marty Haugen

1 Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

2 Lamb of God
you break the chains of hatred and
fear: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

3 Lamb of God
you are the way of justice and
peace: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

4 Lamb of God
you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

5 Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Gather Us In – Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our
dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in the lost and forsaken
Gather us in the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

3. Here we all take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters Call us anew to be salt for the
earth Give us to drink the wine of
compassion Give us to eat the bread that is
you Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining Not in some heaven, light-years away
here in this place the new light is shining Now is the Kingdom, and now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in all peoples together Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

"Change My Heart, Oh God" (Eddie Espinosa)

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.
Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.
May I be like You, May I be like You.

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O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

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2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule

our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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Announcements