



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

March 19, 2023 4th 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 433 Glory Be to Jesus

1 Glory be to Jesus,

Who in bitter pains

Poured for me the lifeblood

From His sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal

In that blood I find;

Blest be His compassion,

Infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages

Be the precious stream

Which from endless torment

Did the world redeem!

4 Abel's blood for vengeance

Pleaded to the skies;

But the blood of Jesus

For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting

Wafts its praise on high,

Angel hosts rejoicing

Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,

Swell the mighty flood;

Louder still and louder

Praise the precious blood

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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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are:
△ 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 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks

for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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, Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself;

now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know,

in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,

the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images,

“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

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

Epistle Reading, Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what

is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything

is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John

G Glory to You, O Lord

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not

that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." . . .

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Hymn 744 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.

4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

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

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us,

mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God

you are the way of mercy and love:

have mercy on us,

mercy on us, mercy on us.

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)*

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

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Open the Eyes of My Heart,

I want to see You. I want to see You.

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Open the Eyes of My Heart,

I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love,

As we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Repeat all of above one time

Refrain Holy, Holy, Holy,

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Holy, Holy, Holy,

I want to see You.

Repeat refrain 2 times

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of
Righteousness, shine on my path, And show
me the way to the Father. Refrain

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“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought By day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

3. Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance Now and always
Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart
High King of heaven My treasure Thou art

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ref **In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

2. Be Thou my wisdom Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father And I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one

4. High King of heaven When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart Whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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 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**

Closing Song: To God Be the Glory"

1. To God be the glory great things He has done
loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus: Praise the Lord! praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord! praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

2. O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Chorus

(Instrumental verse)

Chorus

3. Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see

Chorus

Tag: And give Him the glory great things He has done,

And give Him the glory great things He has done!

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