## 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT-MARCH 6, 2022

## A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

"Reflections on the Cross" –setting, Catherine R. Francis
Resurrection Bells, Helen Weiss Phelps, piano

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*INVOCATION

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

Amen.

## \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

## \*LENTEN KYRIE

"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

ELW # 602



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## \*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God,

you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

14I will deliver those who cling to me;I will uphold them, because they know my name.

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

# SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

8b"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **TEACHING MOMENT**

#### \*GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

**HOMILY** "Beneath the Cross—Being Tempted"

Pastor Dave Helfrich

#### **\*SONG OF THE DAY**

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

ELW # 319; st. 1-3

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O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust in God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.

# \*APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

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setting, Lee Kjelson

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself, Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

Lonesome valley, lonesome valley; You must walk this lonesome valley, You must walk it by yourself, Oh, nobody else can walk it for you You've got to walk it by yourself.

We must go and stand our trial,
We've got to stand it by ourselves,
Oh yes, for nobody else can stand it for us,
We've got to stand it by ourselves
By ourselves.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

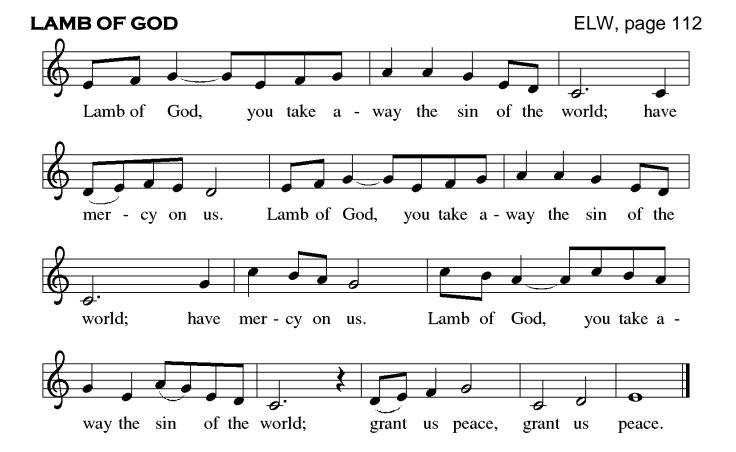
## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### COMMUNION SONG

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

ELW # 808

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Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: You alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
To carry your cross
and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
But courage will come
with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,
We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
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My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; ELW # 759

bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;

blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

#### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.** 

#### **\*SENDING PRAYER**

#### \*BENEDICTION

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.

In the name of the Father, 

the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### **\*SENDING HYMN**

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ELW # 504

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

-setting, Helmut Walcha



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