

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 13, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross”

—setting Samuel Scheidt

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

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.

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"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

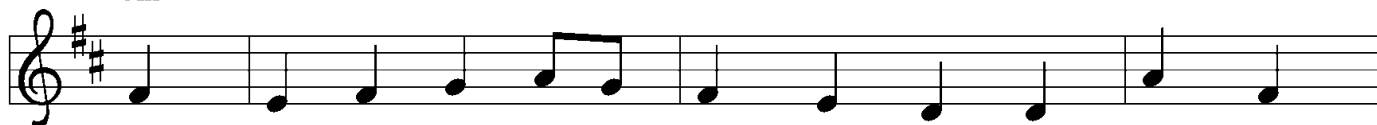
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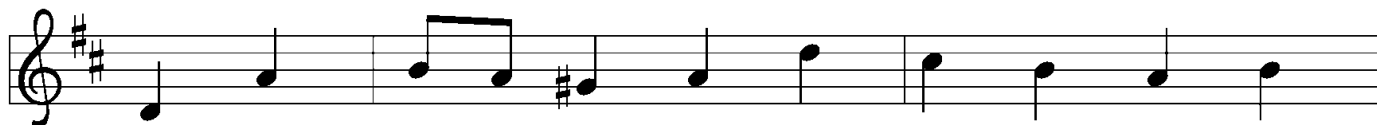


Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.
1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ZNAME TO, PANE BOZE NÁS, *Tranoscius*, 1636

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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. God of the covenant,

in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27 (*read responsively*)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that

we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING MOMENT

***GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

HOMILY “Beneath the Cross—Its Vertical Beam”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

ELW # 831; *stanzas 1-3*

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.

**The God of Abr'ham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love—**

**"I Am the One I Am"--
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise!
At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys
at your right hand.**

**I all on earth forsake--
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r--
and you my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise!
Your all-sufficient grace
shall guide me all my pilgrim days
in all my ways.**

**You deign to call me friend;
you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end
through Jesus' blood.**

***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

"The Lord is the Stronghold of My Life"

setting, H. W. Phelps

Text: Psalm 27:1, 13, 6

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
My Lord!
Of whom shall I be afraid?*

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
In the land of the living.
I will offer in his house sacrifices.*

*With shouts of joy; I will sing!
I will sing and chant praise to the Lord!*

***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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

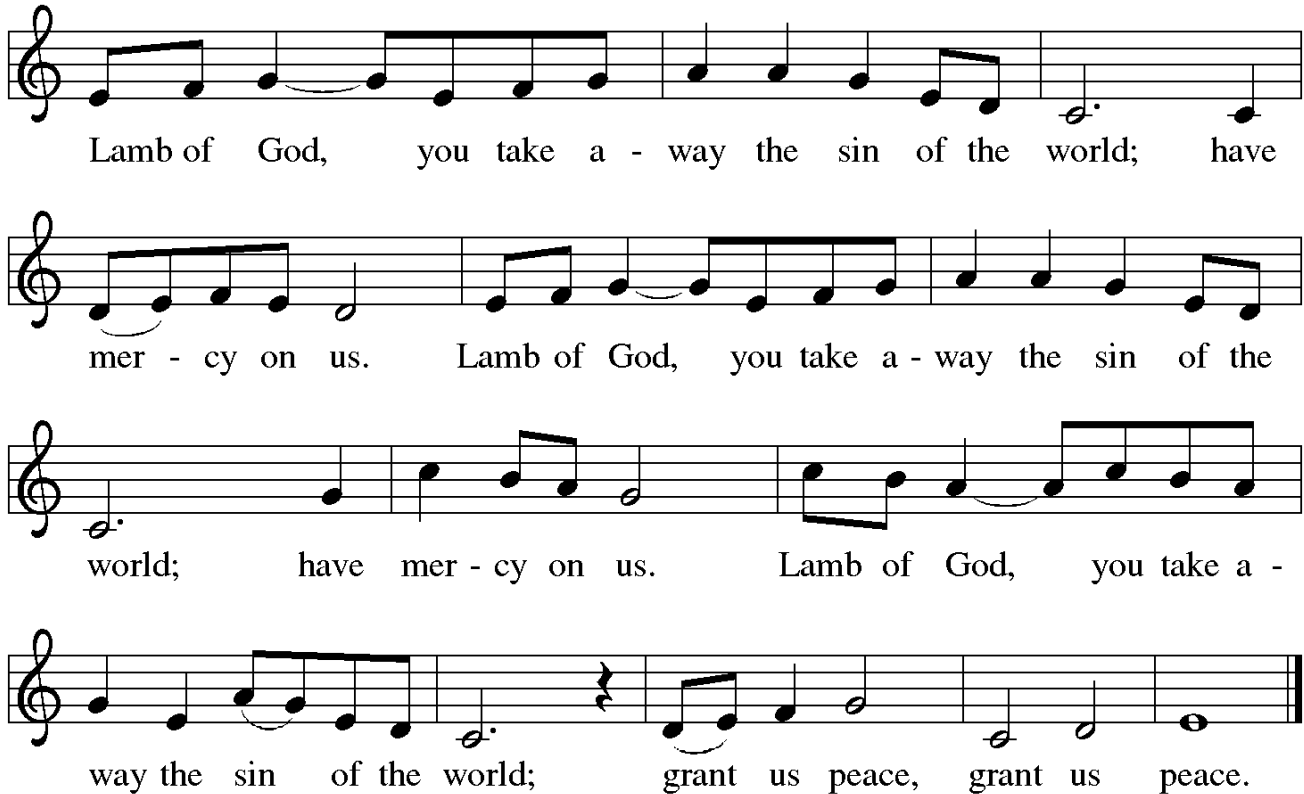
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

ELW # 468

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**Around you, O Lord Jesus,
your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us
with grace our lives to fill.**

**You say to us so lovingly,
“Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!”**

**We hear your invitation,
and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation
is spoken here to all.**

**It draws us to your loving heart;
it brings to us your blessing,
*which never will depart.***

**We are your own forever;
until our final breath
we will be true and never
in joy, in grief, in death**

**depart from you, for you are still
among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.**

COMMUNION SONG

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW # 613

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**Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.**

**Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.**

**Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.**

**Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.**

**Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.**

COMMUNION SONG

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW # 811

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On my heart imprint your image,
blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life's troubles nor its pleasures
ever may your work erase.

Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation,
all my glory and salvation!

***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**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW # 545

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Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, your love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,

Trav’ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration

For your gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruits of your salvation

In our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful

To your truth may we be found.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.

Meet Jesus on the way.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross”

–setting Samuel Scheidt

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ



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