

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 20, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

—setting Jason W. Krug

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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"

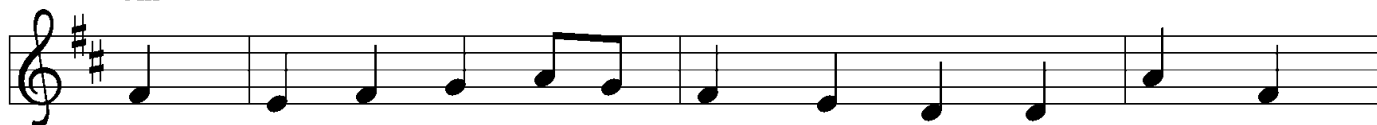
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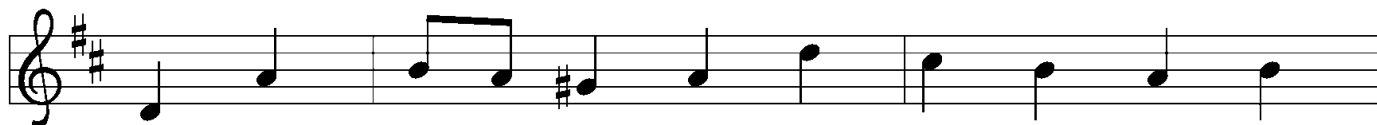


Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.
1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

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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. Eternal God,

**your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death,
and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and
bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

**²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**⁴So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**⁸My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors 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, God was not pleased with most of
them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire
evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written,
“The people sat down to eat and drink, and they 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. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL Luke 13:6-9**

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

DWELLING IN THE WORD

HOMILY "We Are the Gardeners"

Vicar Jamie Witt

***SONG OF THE DAY**

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

ELW # 777; *stanzas 1-3*

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**"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."**

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**"Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest."**

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**"Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face."**

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.**

***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

“Come to the Water”

–Cary Ratcliff

*O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord.*

*Let them come to the Lord without money,
without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek,
let them come to the water,
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord*

*Let them come to the Lord,
without money without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?*

*And let all who toil,
let them come to the water,
and let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord.*

*Let them come to the Lord,
all who labor without rest.*

*How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord.*

*Bring them all to the Lord,
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light.
O come 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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW # 623

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**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;
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW # 542

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Public Domain

**O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.**

**O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.**

**My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;**

**for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.**

**My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.**

**Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;**

**and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.**

***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**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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**Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow
Of turning with thee;**

**Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;**

**All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.**

**Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;**

**Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning**

New mercies I see;

**All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.
Meet Jesus on the way.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Larry Stokes, organ



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