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*The Third Sunday
In Lent*



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Pastor:

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Deaconess:

Karen Suter

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

"Allegro"
"Greet the Rising Sun"
(*Fri. only*) *Trumpet, Susan Messersmith*

arr. K. Norris
setting: K. Langlois

WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 19:1–6

- P** The heavens declare the glory of God,
C and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.
- P** Day to day pours out speech,
C and night to night reveals knowledge.
- P** There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
C Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
- P** In them He has set a tent for the sun,
C which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- P** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
C and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

HYMN

"Greet the Rising Sun"

LSB 871

1 Greet the ris - ing sun, Shin - ing with bright force,
 2 Fa - ther, hear my prayer, Keep me safe to - day;
 3 Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly;

Like an ath - lete strong, Set to run the course;
 Sanc - ti - fy my thoughts, All I do and say;
 Let no e - vil thought Cloud the clear blue sky.

Birds soar high a - bove, Wild-flow'rs bloom be - low;
 As I teach the young And es - teem the old,
 Joy - ful and con - tent With life's sim - pler things,

With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.
 May Your boun - teous grace By my life be told.
 Know - ing all I need From Your kind - ness springs.

PSALM

Psalm 19:7–11

- P** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
- C** **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P** the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
- C** **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
- C** **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
- C** **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;
- C** **in keeping them there is great reward.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 19:12–14

- P** When we use the Ten Commandments and other parts of the moral code as a mirror, we see that we have fallen from the perfection of God’s good creation and His perfect Law. Who can discern his errors?
- C** **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
- C** **let them not have dominion over me!**
- P** Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C** **O God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Worse, in our fallen nature, we are sinful and unclean, and in the eyes of many we are weak, lowly people. But because You have graciously chosen us and worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.**
- P** The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**
- P** Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

HYMN

“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

LSB 579



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 light And should be done as good and right.
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall
 Its holiness condemns us all;
 It dooms us for our sin to die
 And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
 Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne,
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of God's whole creation, for the well-being of all whom He has chosen to preach Christ crucified, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their thanks for the blessings that flow from the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,
- C** **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;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

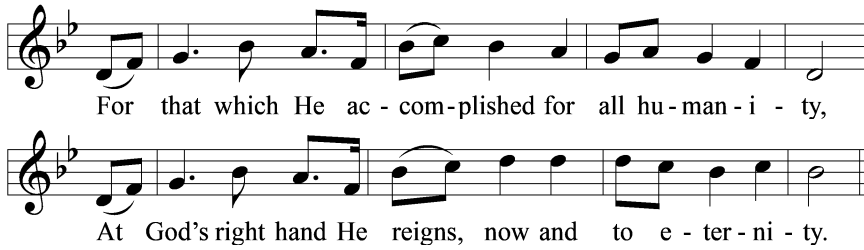
The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

"O Come, and Let Us Look Up"

O come, and let us look up to Je - sus Christ, our Lord,
The found - er and per - fec - ter of faith placed in God's Word.
Who for the joy be - fore Him en - dured the cross's pain,
De - spis - ing what sins wrought, their pun - ish - ment and shame.



For that which He ac - com-plished for all hu-man - i - ty,
At God's right hand He reigns, now and to e - ter - ni - ty.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Word is read...

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Ephesians 6:11

- Destroy this temple,
- and in three days I will raise it up.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - ita - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

SERMON

Stand

CREED, on forwards screens

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances. Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory. And we pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination. Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions. Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities. Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, *[including . . .]*. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom. Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith. Strengthen clergy and lay leaders to focus not on institutions or statistics but on the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption our Savior won in His gracious sacrifice for us in grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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.**

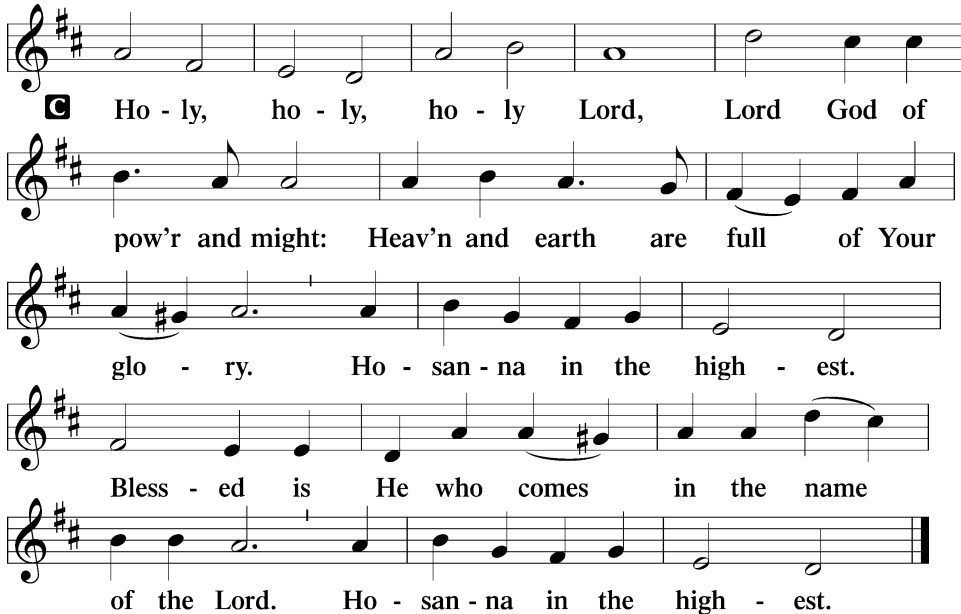
PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for

many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

- G** Amen.

WORDS 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

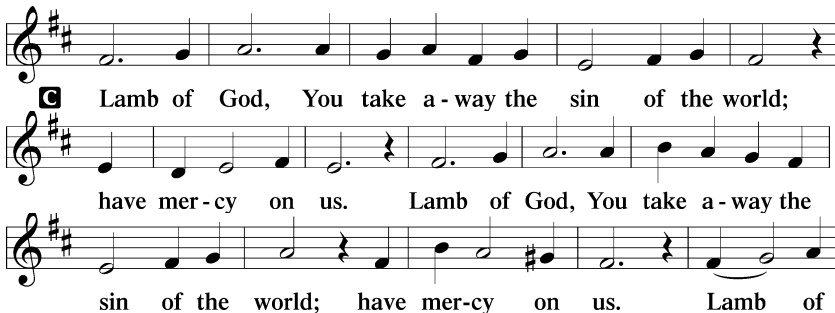
LORD'S PRAYER, *on the forward screens*

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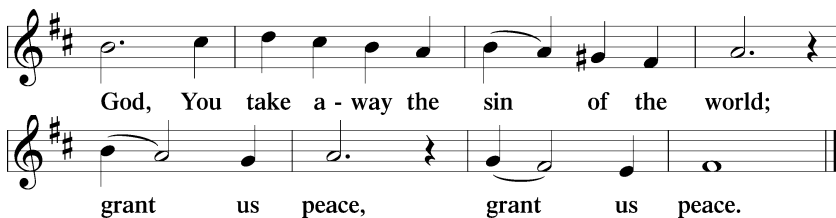
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



C 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I
blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -
own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

VOLUNTARY

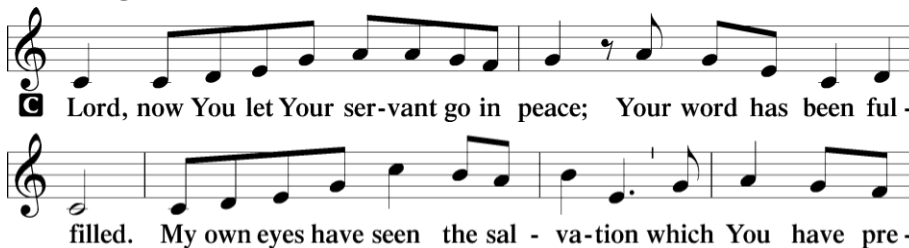
"Lenten Meditation"

arr. E. Broughton

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 182



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** 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,
G **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;**
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
G **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

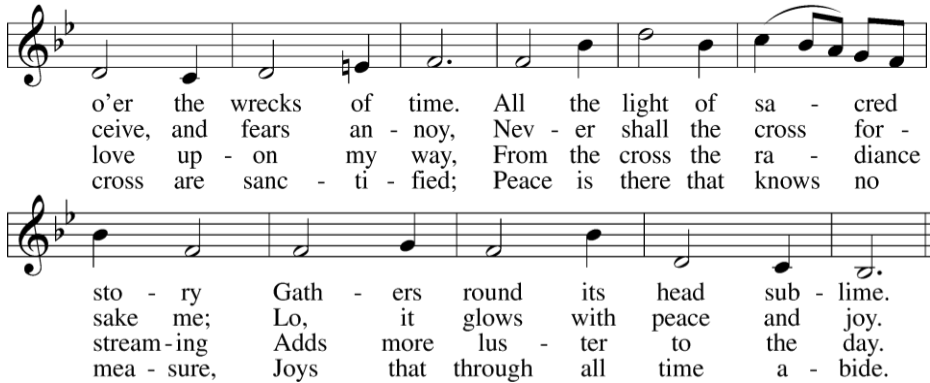
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
G **Amen.**

HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no
 sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

Deaconess Karen Suter

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Built on the Rock"
(Fri. only) Trumpet Solo, Susan Messersmith

arr. E. Broughton

PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

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