
∞ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • MARCH 5, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ OPENING HYMN GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER
LBW #343

✝ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

✝ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

WL: 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.

WL: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

WL: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

All: And You forgive the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

WL: O almighty God, merciful Father,

All: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved 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.

WL: 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.

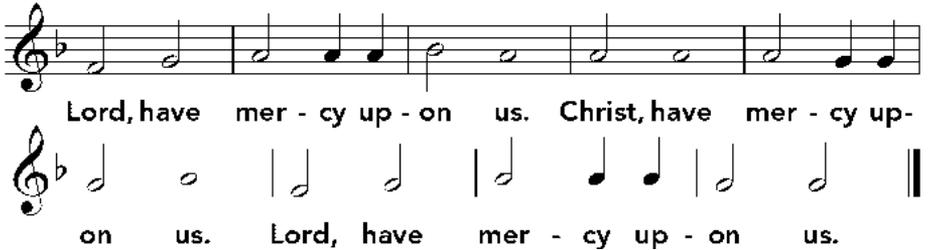
All: Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and ev - er shall be. world with - out end. A - men.

✠ KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Let us pray: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, You opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve You in newness of life and faithfully walk in Your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

GENESIS 12:1-9

R: The Old Testament lesson for this second Sunday in Lent comes from the book of Genesis, the twelfth chapter.

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

R: Today's Epistle lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the fourth chapter.

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶ David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them." ...

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 3:1-17

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THIS IS JESUS: LIFE & LOVE

John 3:1-17

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

GOD LOVED THE WORLD

SO THAT HE GAVE

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✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has shown Your love to the world in His death and resurrection. Give Your people hearts to remember Your gracious works and to proclaim Your name in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Lord God, heavenly Father, You promise us an inheritance not because of Your law but because of Your promise to Abraham and to us. In Your grace, nourish us in the faith unto life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Heavenly Father, You made Your servant Abraham the father of us all through faith, and You have given all fathers the calling of Abraham to hand down the Gospel of Christ. Fill their hearts with the words of Christ and remember them according to Your great mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Almighty God, remember our nation and its leaders. Bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws, and enable us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Gracious Lord, be near to the sick and the suffering, especially [insert names]. Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: Lord God, You give life to the dead and have united the faithful of all ages in the Body of Christ. As You shelter all the saints in the arms of Your mercy, so comfort us who await Your final victory over death and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

WL: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

All: Amen.

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✠ OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE & SANCTUS

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

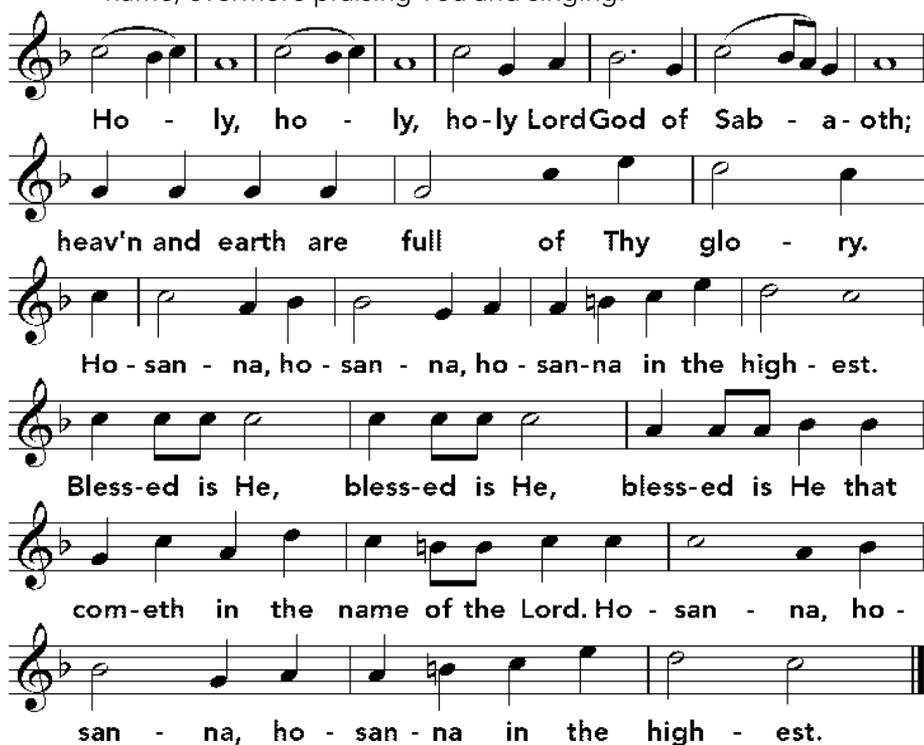
WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WL: 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 singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Together we pray as our Savior has taught us:

All: 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.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

✠ AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the
 sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the
 sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the
 sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

A - - - - - men.

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JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

LSB #425

✝ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: Amen.

✝ CHARGE & BLESSING

based on Psalm 121:5-8

WL: Go out in faith, trusting in God's sense of direction. Remember how much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of Christ, that your testimony becomes the good news someone else has been waiting to receive.

Go now with this blessing: May the Lord watch over you. May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

✝ SENDING HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

LBW #377

✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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God Loved the World So That He Gave

JUSTIFICATION

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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

