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**March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

## \*Confession and Forgiveness:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for Repentance and God's mercy.  
(Silence for Private Confession)

Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C: Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

*Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

*Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Music: William h. Doane, 1832-1915

**\*Apostolic 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.**

**\*Kyrie:**

Setting 10, page 203

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 95

L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

L: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

L: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

L: There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

L: Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

**Scripture Reading:**

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** “We are Turning”



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

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**\*Holy Gospel:**

John 4: 5-42

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things

to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**\*Hymn:** “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” ELW #777

1 "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."

### *Refrain*

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

2 "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." *Refrain*

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

4 "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

**\*Apostle's Creed:**

**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 the People:** (Sing throughout prayers as directed)

**O God, We Call**

The musical score for 'O God, We Call' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962  
Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good  
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**\*Peace:**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

**Offering:** (children may bring offerings forward)

**\*Offertory Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597 (v. 1 & 4)**

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
**Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving:**

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 our thanks and praise.**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy:**

Setting 10, page 207, ELW

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**



## Communion Hymns:

“Lamb of God”

Setting 10 page 208, ELW

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and gave; have mercy now we pray.

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace, we pray.

“This is Christ’s Body”

### This Is Christ’s Body



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with  
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,  
bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain:**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **[Refrain]**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **[Refrain]**

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“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

ELW # 592

1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868 CCLI Public Domain

## **\*Communion Blessing**

### **\*Communion Prayer:**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

### **\*Benediction:**

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn:** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW #618

1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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### **\*Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**