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Third Sunday in **LENT**



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Break Thou the Bread of Life, arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome



Hymn Canticle of the Turning My soul out with ful shout that the cries a iov Though Ι amsmall, my . . . God, my all, you . . . the halls pow'r 3 From of to the for tress not tow'r, a Though the na tions rage from . . age to age, we re God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the work great. and your mer - cy will last Let the king be - ware from the things in me, stone will be left on stone. for your God's mem - ber who holds fast: mer - cy de must us things bring drous that the who wait. won you to ones of the the be. depths past to end οf the age to jus tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne. liv from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. er us You fixed sight plight, your on your ser vant's and my Your ver У name puts the proud to shame, and to poor shall . . weep The hun gry no more, for the This sav ing word that our fore - bears heard ìs the west shall my weak - ness you did so from east to not spum, you those who would for yearn, you will show your might, put the ta - bles spread, food they can nev - er earn; there are ev - 'ry prom - ise which holds us till the spear and rod bound, can be blest. Could the world be a - bout turn? name be to strong flight, for the world is a - bout turn. to 10 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn. crushed by God, who turn ing the world ìs round. a Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to

turn.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Exodus

God spoke all these words:

I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of a life of slavery. No other gods, only me.

No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because I am God, your God, and I'm a most jealous God, punishing the children for any sins their parents pass on to them to the third, and yes, even to the fourth generation of those who hate me. But I'm unswervingly loyal to the thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

No using the name of God, your God, in curses or silly banter; God won't put up with the irreverent use of God's name.

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work—not you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your servant, nor your maid, nor your animals, not even the foreign guest visiting in your town. For in six days God made Heaven, Earth, and sea, and everything in them; God rested on the seventh day. Therefore God blessed the Sabbath day; God set it apart as a holy day.

Honor your father and mother so that you'll live a long time in the land that God, your God, is giving you.

No murder.

No adultery.

No stealing.

No lies about your neighbor.

No lusting after your neighbor's house—or spouse or servant or maid or ox or donkey. Don't set your heart on anything that is your neighbor's.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10, 14



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The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world...The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

John 2:13-22 (Contemporary English Version, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple. He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he took some rope and made a whip. Then he chased everyone out of the temple, together with their sheep and cattle. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves, "Get those doves out of here! Don't make my Abba's house a marketplace."

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, "My love for your house burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, "What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?"

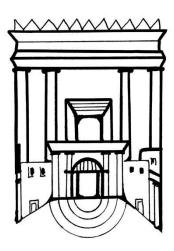
"Destroy this temple," Jesus answered, "and in three days I will build it again!"

The leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple. What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?"

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple. And when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered what he had told them. Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

A CONVERSATION ABOUT SACRED RAGE Emily Ott, Sheryl Owens, and Dave Shull

Reflections on Racism and Rage

- Who are the Black warrior poets standing alongside the Johannine Jesus, pointing to injustice, and shouting, "Stop!"? Do I hear the voice of Christ in this anger, not only the anger I also voice but the anger I must bear, the anger that names me, my privilege, my Whiteness, my silence? May I let this anger wash over me. May I listen well. *Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Christian Century website*
- "O! had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, to-day, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake." from "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" an 1852 speech by Frederick Douglass
- "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious is to be in a state of rage almost all of the time. . . . It isn't only what is happening to you. But it's what's happening all around you and all of the time in the face of the most extraordinary and criminal indifference, indifference of most white people in this country, and their ignorance." from "The Negro in American Culture," a 1961 interview with James Baldwin, published in Cross Currents
- "My response to racism is anger. I have lived with that anger, ignoring it, feeding upon it, learning to use it before it laid my visions to waste, for most of my life. Once I did it in silence, afraid of the weight. My fear of anger taught me nothing. Your fear of that anger will teach you nothing, also." from "The Uses of Anger: Women Responding to Racism," a 1981 lecture by Audre Lorde
- "Black women have the right to be mad as hell. We have been dreaming of freedom and carving out spaces for liberation since we arrived on these shores. There is no other group, save Indigenous women, that knows and understands more fully the soul of the American body politic than Black women, whose reproductive and social labor have made the world what it is." from Brittney Cooper's 2018 book Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower
- "We fear that to allow for anger is to become less like you. Let us meet the God of the prophets. For you tell the truth. You hold fury at injustice. You, in embodied anger, flipped the temple tables. Would you help us to become faithful discerners of when to calm and when to rouse? Rejecting that anger which leads to bitterness or hatred of another, yet tapping into a righteous rage when that which you've created is under abuse and neglect. The dignity of creation demands our emotions. Make ours a beautiful rage." from Cole Arthur Riley, @blackliturgies, on July 29, 2020

Ministry of Music Give Me Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes Kathy Rapp, piano

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words: 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 Marv. 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.

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Barbara and David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Andrea and Scott Steiner, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann and family on Ann's death.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

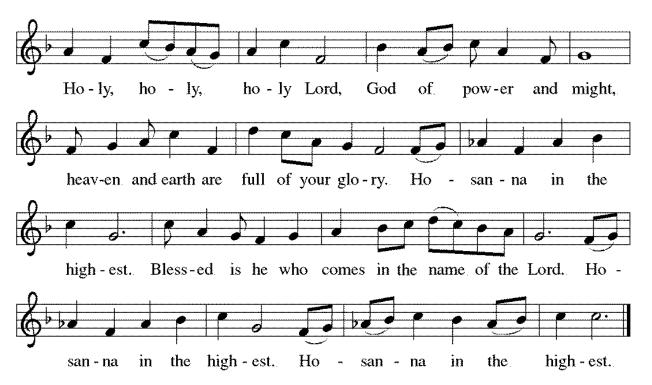
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:



Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age comes, and every creature beholds it.

Sharing the Meal



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT Hymn I Shall Not Be Moved Refrain I shall not be moved. I shall not be, shall not be, I shall not be moved; like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, 1 shall not be moved. be moved. When my cross is heav - y, shall not be moved, march - ing, shall not The church of God is I be moved, the 3 1 be Je sus is our cap - tain, shall not moved, Fight - ing sin Sa I shall not be and moved, tan, my heav when is Ι shall be moved; cross y, not march - ing, church of God shall moved; is Ι not be Je our tain, I shall moved; sus is cap not be fight - ing Sa shall sin moved; and tan, not Refrain

Text African American spiritual
Music: I SHALL NOT BE MOVED. African American spiritual

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter,

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be moved.

Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, arr. Lloyd Larson

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Adult Sunday School 11:15 am Sundays



DEAR CHURCH:

A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.

This week discussing through chapter 8 Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting Time: 1125 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2 cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09

Meeting ID: **818 8878 2023**; Passcode: **630107**

Phone only: **646 876 9923**



Exploring the Psalms We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time

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Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983 Passcode: 619946

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Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays March 10, 17, 24

Livestream 7:00 pm

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJr LWuGWO0sS-yw



Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship Via Zoom

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting

Time: 06:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 884 0660 7138

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 7 - 14

| Today | 10:00 am 11:15 am | LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education |
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| Tuesday | 1:00 pm 6:30 pm | ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM A Brewing Faith |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship |
| Thursday | 4:30pm | RLC serves Carry Out at First English |
| Next Sunday | 10:00 am | LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | ZOOM Adult Education |





