

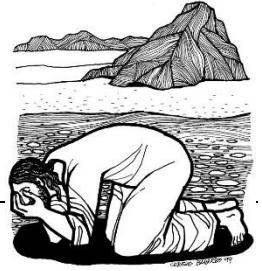


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First Sunday in Lent



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God...

Prelude

O Lord of Grace

Dietrich Buxtehude

Bells

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

(silence for reflection)

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess:

**Gracious God, have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.
We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love of all people.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever, Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

ELW #319

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 32

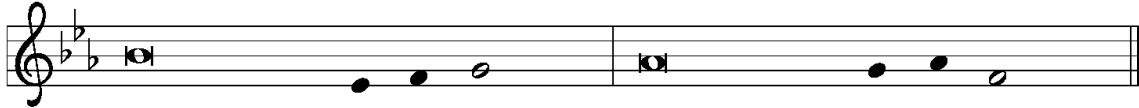


Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.

Psalm 32:10

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- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!
- ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. R**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of
my sin.
- ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- ⁸**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye. R**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**

Gospel Acclamation

(Before Gospel v. 1-2)

(After Gospel v. 3)

Keep in Mind That Jesus Christ Has Died for Us



Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.



1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

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Music: Lucien Deiss, b. 1921

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children are invited to go to their Sunday lesson and activity. They will return at Holy Communion. Parents are welcome to accompany them.

Sermon

Pastor James Dew

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW #512

Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we 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

*Each petition concludes: "Hear us, O God," The congregation responds: **"Your mercy is great."***

We hold in prayer: Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Janice Williams, Ralph Detwiler, Claudine Michalek, Arlene Schirmer, Harold Spivey, Kim Friesenhahn, Kenny Knippa, Amy Kosob, Tia Mathre-Adams, Susan Dickson, Brad Richie, Evan Bohmann.

*For prayer requests and updates, please contact the church office
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Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please share with those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")

MEAL

*We bring our "first fruit" offerings to the Table of the Lord
where we are strengthened and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ*

Offering

"Agnus Dei"

Mark Hayes

Offertory Hymn

"I Called to My God for Help"

LBW # 9

I Called to My God for Help

Lent

The musical score is written on five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I called to my God for help; he heard me from his temple. His arm reached down to save and rescue me from my foes. The man - na from heav - en for Is - ra - el is his Son, the bread of life!"

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Offertory Prayer

God of abundance:

**You feed us, not with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us, and these gifts we bring,
these first-fruits of our own weekly labors,
that through the giving of what we have,
we may share the Bread of Life with others. Amen.**

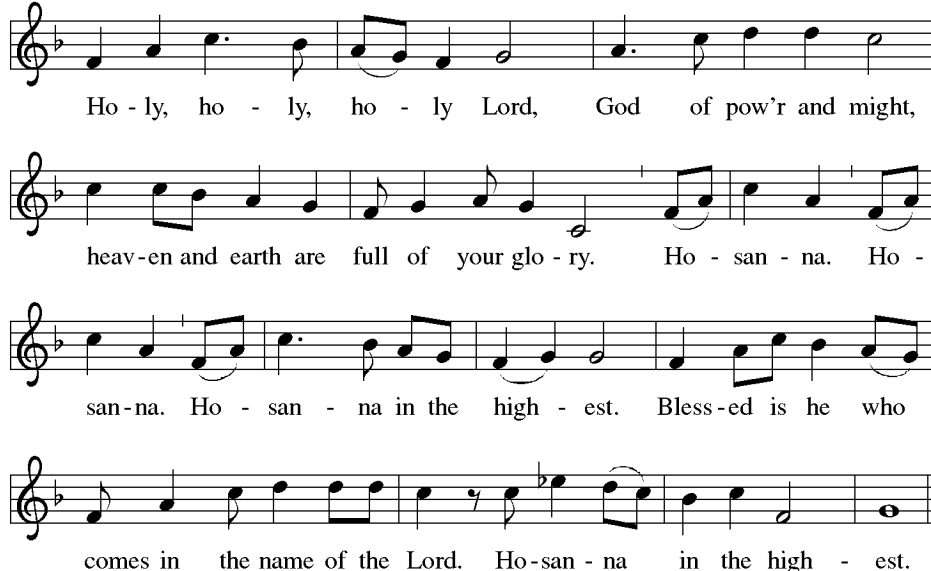
Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Blessed are you... ..we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

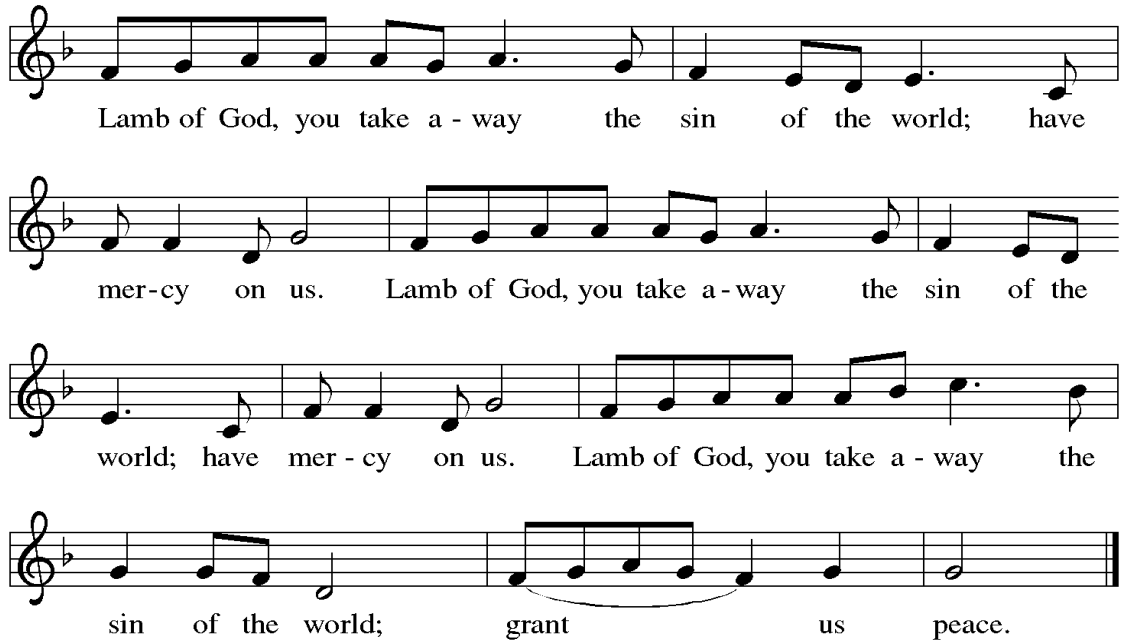
Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are all who are fed at his Table.

Agnus Dei



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.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is available upon request.

Communion Hymns

ELW # 329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*
ELW # 483 *Here Is Bread*
ELW # 496 *One Bread, One Body*

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

God of both mountain tops and darkest valleys,
In this Holy Sacrament your Son has given us himself as our food,
that he may be our companion through this Lenten journey.
Send us now from this table both strengthened and changed,
to grow more and more into his likeness, Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Ministers

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your Word and Sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world

Announcements

Benediction

As you daily die and rise with Christ,
may you also each day live and serve as Christ.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

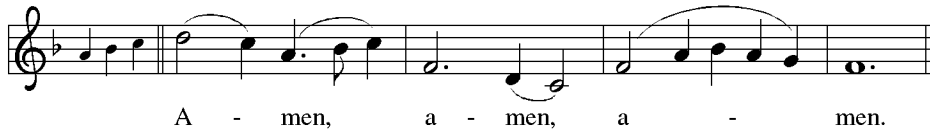
Sending Hymn

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

ELW #326

Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor all people;
love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Postlude

Improvisation of "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW # 618)

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister + Pastor James Dew
Assisting Minister + Julie Shadrock
Lector + Elle Marie Anderson

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Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.

*For everyone's well-being, hand sanitizer is available
at both entrances to the sanctuary.*

This week at St. John's

Sun 1 • Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM
Tue 2 • Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 PM
Wed 4 • Word, Silence and Prayer 12:15 PM
Wed 4 • Supper 5:30 PM
Wed 4 • Word, Silence and Prayer 6:15 PM
Wed 4 • Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Fri 6 • First Friday Concert Series 12:05 PM
Sun 8 • Confirmation Instruction 11:00 AM
Sun 8 • Mission Team Meeting 11:00 AM

Please see the current month's Tidings for other calendar events.

Financial Reports and Council Minutes are available in the church office by request.

Mid-Week Lenten Gatherings 2020

March 4, 11, 18, 25 / April 1 Wednesdays

12:15 PM Word, Silence and Prayer
5:30 PM Supper
6:15 PM Word, Silence and Prayer
7:00 PM Choir Practice

April 9 Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary

April 10 Good Friday

7:00 PM Worship in Sanctuary

Liturgical Calendar Commemoration

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 Saturday, March 7, 2020

Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, widow and mother, and Felicity was her slave. They were catechumens in Carthage, northern Africa. Together with Saturninus, Secundus and Revocatus (also a slave), they were arrested in the persecution of Emperor Septianus Severus. In captivity both Perpetua and Setronius had visions of victory over the devil and paradise. They were martyred in the arena.

Reminder

***Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday morning.
Be sure to "Spring Forward" your clocks by one hour.***



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