

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024, 9:30 am

Prelude "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" by Colin Hand

Welcome & Announcements *Kathy Abernathy*

Opening Hymn, #149 Eternal love *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Litany

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

People Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Kyrie, #835 *Wonder, Love and Praise*

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

Celebrant Have mercy, O God,
People **against you, you alone,**
 we have sinned.
 In your compassion,
 cleanse us from our sin
 and take away our guilt.
 Create in us a new heart
 and give us a steadfast spirit.
 Do not cast us away,
 but fill us with your Holy Spirit
 and restore your joy within us.
 Amen.

Celebrant As tender as parent to child,
 so deep is God's compassion for you.
 As high as heaven is above earth,
 so vast is God's love for you.
 As far as east is from west,
 so far God removes your sin from you,
 renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
 Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
People **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
 Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be
 defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil
 thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

The Lessons

First Lesson, Exodus 20:1-17

Harriet Davis

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down
to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the
iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing
steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (*chanted*)

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The Hymnal 1982



1. The heavens declare the ' glory of ' God, *
and the ' firmament ' shows his ' handiwork.

2. One day tells its ' tale to a- 'nother, *
and one night imparts ' knowledge ' to a- ' nother.

3. Although they have no ' word or ' language, *
and their ' voices ' are not ' heard,

4. Their sound has gone out ' into all ' lands, *
and their ' message to the ' ends of the ' world.

5. In the deep has he set a pavilion ' for the ' sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber, it rejoices like a ' champion to ' run its ' course.

6. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens, and runs about to the ' end of it a- ' gain; *
nothing is hidden ' from its ' burning ' heat.

7. The law of the Lord is perfect and re- ' vives the ' soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and gives ' wisdom ' to the ' innocent.

8. 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.

9. The fear of the Lord is clean and en- ' dures for ' ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true, and ' righteous ' alto- ' gether.

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

11. By them also is your ' servant en- ' lightened, *
and in keeping them ' there is ' great re- ' ward.

12. Who can tell how often ' he of- ' fends? *
cleanse me ' from my ' secret ' faults.

13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins, let them not get do- ' minion ' over
me: *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent ' of a ' great of- ' fense.

14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ac- 'ceptable in your ' sight, *
O Lord, my ' strength and ' my re- ' deemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Harriet Davis

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #574

Before thy throne

The Hymnal 1982

Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel, according to John
People **Glory to you, O God.**

The Passover of the Judeans was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Judeans then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Judeans then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Hymn, #641

Lord Jesus, think on me

The Hymnal 1982

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Joining the generations of faithful witnesses before us and those yet to be, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

People **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Laurie Hyndman

Leader Gracious God, you meet us where we are but also invite us into a deeper way of knowing your loving presence in our lives and in the world around us. Restore us, we pray, and help us to be faithful witnesses to your saving power in the world. In peace let us pray: God, in your mercy:

People **Receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, our world takes its own way, heedless of your will. We exploit and diminish others and threaten your good creation. Grant that, in the accelerating crises of our time, your prophetic word may ring out, calling us to turn-about and to do justice, love peace, honor truth, and walk humbly once again with you. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all victims of our turbulent social order: for those scarred by new and old wars, for refugees and those hungry and in despair, for the poor, homeless and addicted, and for all who have little access to the world's abundant resources. Awaken us to bring about change for the well-being of those we know and those many more we do not know. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

Caring God, we remember before you our loved ones in need of your healing, remembering especially those on our St. Bart's prayer list:
Charles; Pat; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Perry; Jim; Elaine; Sasha; Paige; Diane; Karl; Nathaniel; Will; Tom & Laurel; Nancy A.; Dennis; Robert & Mary; Karen; Debra; Haskell; Sue; Deb; Don; Hazel; Matilda; Gregory; Mary Jane; Michael Curry; Beth; Curt; Bethany; and Zach.

I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud, (*pause for intercessions*).

God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember those who have died, but who are yet one with us in your everlasting love. Pray, beloved, for those who have died, especially DeLancey Moser Converse, sister-in-law of Christina Jackson and distant cousin of Liza Chandler; Gwen Klevitch; and Charles Hunnewell, friends of Sheri and Arthur Woolverton. I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud (*pause for intercessions*). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

God of abundance, we thank you for the many blessings of this life and give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: I invite your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud: (*pause for thanksgivings*). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant
People

To you, O Great Redeemer, we pray:

Those things, O God, that your people have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant
People

Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (John 14:27)

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

God's blessings are offered to us in great abundance. Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Our offerings of bread and wine are brought forward at this time.

Offertory Hymn, #746

God the sculptor of the mountains



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-moment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

The offering is now brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray,

People

All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to our God.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Peter Christian Lutkin



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and

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earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every place and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Fraction

*Celebrant
People*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

*Celebrant
People*

Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Music	Christina Edelen
Chalice Bearer	Laurie Hyndman
Nonvested Chalice Bearer	Jan Burson
Lector	Harriet Davis
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann, Pal Covie
Altar Guild	Beth LaSalle, Susan Garrett
A/V	Dan Hudkins
Bread Baker	Chrystena Hahn
Counters	Tom Hyndman, Pal Covie
Snow Removal	Tom Hyndman
VPOW	Kathy Abernathy
Coffee Hour	Kathy Abernathy + Jamie & Joe Michaud
Prayers in the Chapel	Susannah White
Sunday School Teacher	Mary Curlew
Sunday School Assistant	Michele Johns
Nursery Care	Jennifer Weiderman

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist from *Enriching our Worship 1*

Opening Litany: *Isaiah 58:6-7*

Confession & Absolution: *All Creation Sings*, Augsburg Fortress © 2024

Blessing of the Paraments: adapted from "Zis-n-Zat from Pastor Asher"

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The Nicene Creed: The phrase "and the Son," referred to as the *Filioque*, has been omitted in solidarity with the Eastern Orthodox expressions of the Christian Faith

Prayers of the People: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

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