

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



WORDS OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN *Eternal Lord of love, behold your church* (H 149)

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here—the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

People Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Jeffrey Smith

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for Treble Voices and includes the instruction '(Organ)'. The lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,'. The second staff is for Male Voices with lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e -'. The third staff is for All Voices with lyrics: 'le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,'. The fourth staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

one thing I **seek**: *
 that I may dwell in your house all the days of **my** life,
 6 To behold your fair beauty, O **God**, *
 and to seek you in your **temple**.
 7 For in the day of trouble you shall keep
 me safe in your **shelter**; *
 you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
 and set me high upon a rock.
 8 Even now you lift up my **head** *
 above my enemies round about me.
 9 Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great **gladness**; *
 I will sing and make **music** to you.
 10 Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I **call**; *
 have mercy on me and **answer** me.
 11 You speak in my heart and say, “**Seek** my face.” *
 Your face, O **God**, **will** I seek.
 12 Hide not your **face** from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
 13 You have been my helper;
 cast me not **away**; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my **salvation**.
 14 Though my father and my mother **forsake** me, *
 you will **sustain** me.
 15 Show me your way, O **God**; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my **enemies**.
 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my **adversaries**, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me
 and also those who speak **malice**.
 17 What if I had not believed
 that I should see the goodness of my **God** *
 in the land of the **living**!
 18 O tarry and await God’s pleasure;
 be strong, and let your heart take **comfort**; *
 wait patiently **for** God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

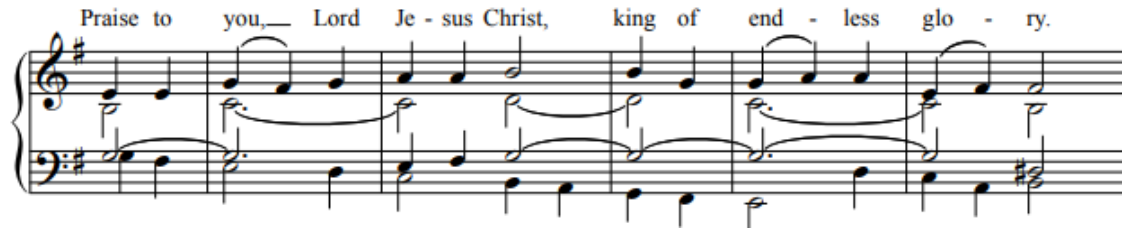
¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with
 tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on
 earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord
 Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
 by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
 whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, — Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.



GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE CREED

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Silence

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.

ANTHEM *Hide Not Thy Face (Richard Farrant)*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
For thy mercy's sake,
deliver us from all our sins.

OFFERTORY HYMN Take up your cross, the Savior said (H 675)



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

The People remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. **Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mass in E Jeffrey Smith

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five lines of music. The first line is labeled '(Organ)' and 'Treble Voices'. The second line is labeled 'Male Voices'. The third line is labeled 'All Voices'. The lyrics are: '(Organ) Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' There are several black square markers placed above and below the staff to indicate specific points in the music.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Day by day* (H 654)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Grant, holy God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, bless you this day and always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Lord, We Confess We Turn Away

1. Lord, we con - fess we turn a - way
2. You grieved for old Jer - u - sa - lem
3. Lord, call us out and draw us in
4. May we who lis - ten to your voice

the - ver - y ones we need to - day.
for you were like a moth - er hen
be - still, would be wise, er then side with a choice.

God's pro - phets speak out be - loud and clear,
who brought her brood proph - et - ic a - neath her wings -
let the all pro - phet - ic a - neath her wings - say;
You brought her pro - phet - ic a - neath her wings -

yet while they were drawn aren't wel - comed here.
still chal - lenge how we re - turned this day.
Lord, may we now re - turn to you.

Tune: Thomas Tallis, 1561

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DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation by Fr. Simon Le Moyne (1604-1655), a Jesuit priest born in France who ministered among first nation peoples in Canada and present-day New York State, including the Huron, Iroquois, Onondaga, and Mohawk peoples.

Serving today:

Ministers of Music: Choirmaster Eric Vinciguerra, Choir, Organist Ethan Kindle **Lector:** Jim Thurston

Prayers: Nancy Hartshorne **Chalice:** Kevin Davidson

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Alice Ciccu

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Lenten Offerings

Sundays in Lent after Coffee Hour

Sharing our Faith Journey - Beginning March 9. Led by Pat Thurston (Includes preparation for Baptism, Reception, and Confirmation)

Wednesday Mornings

10 AM on ZOOM- Beginning March 12. Sharing the Scriptures - Not Bible Study, but shared time for "Lectio" - or sharing about the previous Sunday Scripture readings.

Wednesday Evenings

7 PM on ZOOM. Beginning March 12 - Becoming Beloved Community. Short videos followed by discussion. (This also satisfies the requirement for Dismantling Racism training.) Led by Ulana Klymyshyn and Cedric Taylor.

Thursday Evenings

8 PM on ZOOM - Compline or Night Prayer.

Links to these Zoom meetings are sent out in an email on Tuesdays from the St. John's Communications Team. If you would like to receive these emails, please let the office know.

A Prayer Before Reading the News

-written by Rabbi Irwin Keller in early 2016

Elohai neshamah shenatata bi tehorah hi

My God, the soul you have placed in me is pure and vulnerable. I am afraid that looking at today's news will be painful. Encircle me in a robe of light so that I can witness the wounds of the world without being wounded myself.

Let me learn what I need to know in order to be of my greatest use, without being overwhelmed by despair. I feel your protective light now as I open myself to the world's suffering and the world's joys. Amen.

Choral Evensong



**Be sure to mark your calendars for Choral Evensong on
Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 4PM.
There will be a reception immediately following.**

We pray this week...

For Sean, Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and its Standing Committee; for Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan; and for Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For the Anglican communion

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Donald, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Ethan, our Organist; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For St. Jude's, Fenton - Susan Williams, Priest-in-Charge

For Grace Church, Grand Rapids – Anne Schnaare, Rector

For the members of St. John's celebrating birthdays this week: Nancy

For the members of St. John's especially: Jerry, Jessica, Hazel, Ezra, Ari, Jim, Patricia & Lois

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Nancy, Derek, and Bill.

For all who have died.