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The Third Sunday in Lent

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“How Great Thou Art”

- ♪ O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;  
~Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- ♪ When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; ~Then...
- ♪ But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin; ~Then...
- ♪ When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” ~Then....

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**But the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Psalms 1:6*

You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.

*Psalms 5:4*

**Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house.**

*Psalms 5:7*

*A Time of Silence*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all people, we poor sinners confess to You that we have turned away from You. We have not done the good You desire but have done the evil You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought, word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts away from sin and its temptation and grant us by the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our**

**heart, mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **The Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading** *Please Be Seated*

Ezekiel 33:7–20

<sup>1</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

## **The Epistle**

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all

ate the same spiritual food,<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.<sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,<sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.<sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## Gradual Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

♪ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

~Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

♪ Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ~Great is...

♪ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. ~Great is....

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## Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.<sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.<sup>7</sup> And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.<sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

## Nicene Creed

## Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

## The Hymn

*Music: "My Hope Is Built", Hymn 575*

"With Broken Heart"

- ♪ With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.  
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free – O God, be merciful to me!  
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free – O God, be merciful to me!
- ♪ I smite upon my troubled breast, With deep and conscious guilt opprest;  
Christ and His cross my only plea – O God, be merciful to me! Christ and His....
- ♪ Far off I stand with tearful eyes Nor dare uplift them to the skies;  
But Thou dost all my anguish see – O God, be merciful to me! But Thou dost....
- ♪ Nor alms nor deeds that I have done Can for a single sin atone.  
To Calvary alone I flee – O God, be merciful to me! To Calvary....
- ♪ And when, redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell,  
My raptured song shall ever be, God has been merciful to me. My raptured....

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## Proclamation of the Word

"Take Heed of Responsibility"

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

## Handbell Choir

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

## Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

*Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Lift up your hearts.

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

*Colossians 3:1*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalm 136*

## Proper Preface

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth and full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Words of Our Lord

## Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
**Lord's Prayer**

*1 Corinthians 11:26 & Revelation 22:20*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

O Christ,

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away  
the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns** *Please Be Seated*

“Your Table I Approach”

- ♪ Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- ♪ Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- ♪ Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- ♪ Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- ♪ O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- ♪ Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God my peace and light.

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“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

- ♪ Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- ♪ Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- ♪ Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- ♪ While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Cantic

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

**Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people.**

A light to reveal You to the nations

**And the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Post-Communion Prayer

#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

#### Recessional Hymn

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

- ♪ I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home; Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav’n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev’ry hand;  
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav’n is my home; And time’s wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ Therefore I murmur not, Heav’n is my home; Whate’er my earthly lot,  
Heav’n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord’s right hand;  
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.

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#### Postlude

**Door Offering** *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*