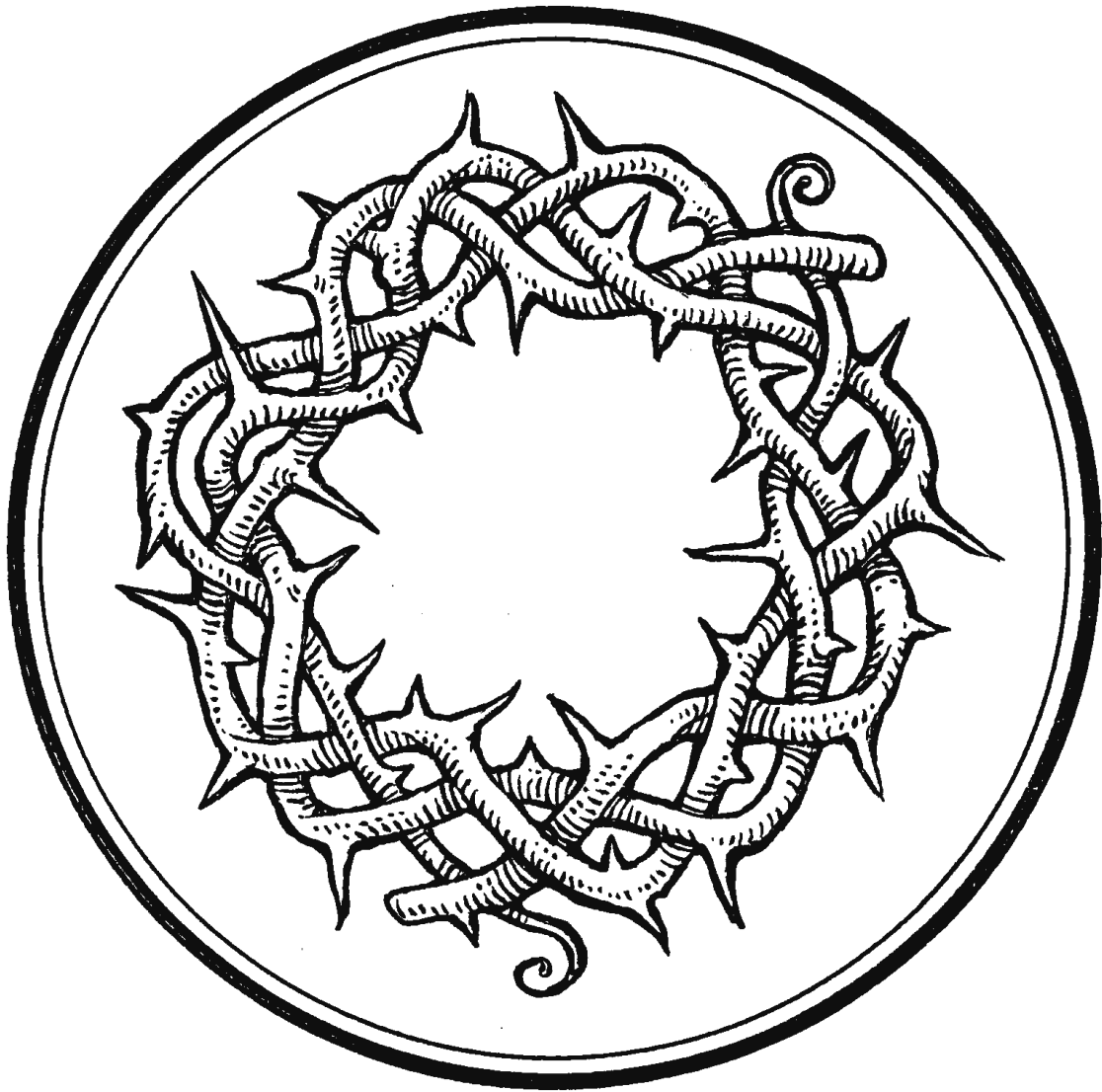


Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Third Midweek of Lent

March 10, 2021



Cleansing the Temple

John 2:13-22

Service of Light

Stand

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,

C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

LSB 244

L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

LSB 245

L Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion
and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.
C A - men.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 19

- ¹The heavens declare the glo - ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.
²Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.
³There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.
⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.
⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
 and its circuit to the | end of them,*
 and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
 reviv- | ing the soul;*
 the testimony of the LORD is sure,
 making wise the | simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
 rejoicing | the heart;*
 the commandment of the LORD is pure,
 enlightening | the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean,
 enduring for- | ever;*
 the just decrees of the LORD are true,
 and righteous alto- | gether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
 even | much fine gold;*
 sweeter also than honey
 and drippings of the | honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your | servant warned;*
 in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²Who can dis- | cern his errors?*

Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
 let them not have dominion | over me!*

Then I shall be blameless,
 and innocent of great trans- | gression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 be acceptable | in your sight,*
 O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

L Let us pray.
 Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Readings

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,
²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
³“You shall have no other gods before me.
⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
¹³“You shall not murder.
¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵“You shall not steal.
¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17“*You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.*”

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

18The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
19For it is written,

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

20Where 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? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

31Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

530 No Temple Now, No Gift of Price



1 No tem - ple now, no gift of price, No priest - ly round of
2 The dy - ing Lord our ran - som paid, One fi - nal full self -
3 In faith and con - fi - dence draw near, With - in the ho - li -
4 For Christ is ours! With pur - pose true The pil - grim path of



sac - ri - fice, Re - tain their an - cient pow'rs.
of - f'ring made, Com - plete in ev - 'ry part.
est ap - pear, With all who praise and pray;
faith pur - sue, The road that Je - sus trod;



As shad - ows fade be - fore the sun The day of sac - ri -
His fin - ished sac - ri - fice for sins The cov - e - nant of
Who share one fam - i - ly, one feast, One great im - per - ish -
Un - til by His pre - vail - ing grace We stand at last be -




fice is done, The day of grace is ours.
grace be - gins, The law with - in the heart.
a - ble Priest, One new and liv - ing way.
fore His face, Our Sav - ior and our God.

Canticle

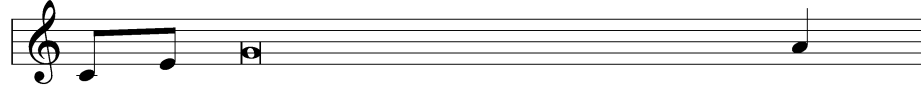
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Magnificat

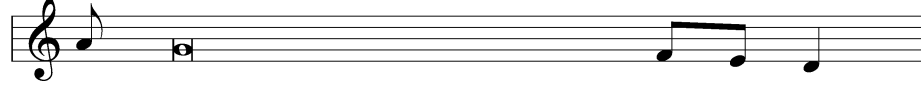
Refrain



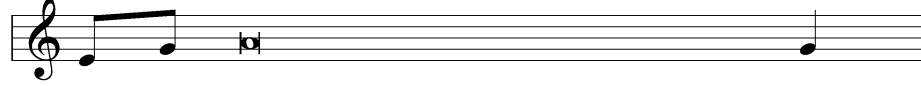
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



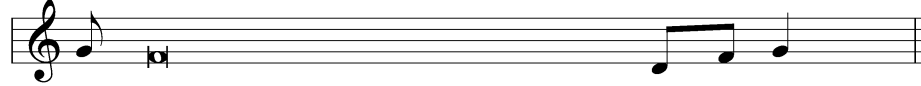
1 For He has re - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

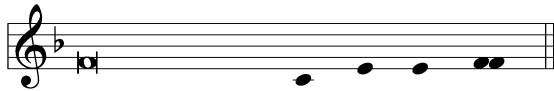


1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

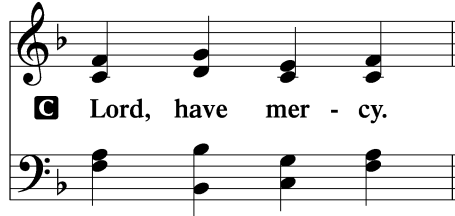
Prayer

Litany (Lent)

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



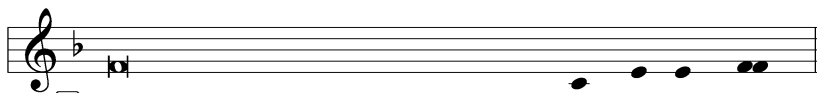
L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L 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:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For [name of president or monarch], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:



L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:



C Thanks be to God.

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

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Collect For Peace

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

Stand

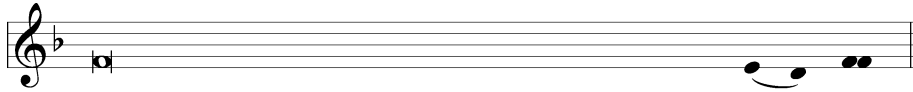
Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

561 The Tree of Life



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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