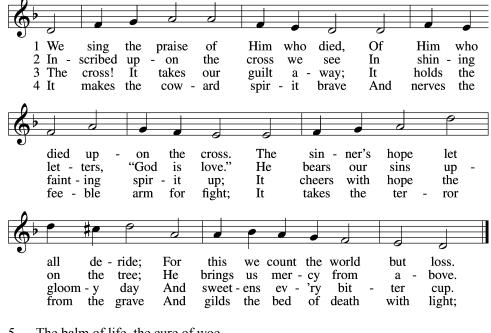
Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024



Jesus Cleanses the Temple John 2:13-22 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died



- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love, The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore, Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.
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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter

sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

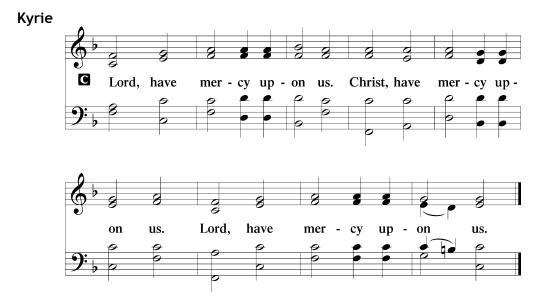
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Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

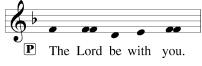
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For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,* and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me. Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;* let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,* or the pit close its mouth | over me. Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;* according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

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Salutation and Collect of the Day





▶ 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

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 donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,* and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Exodus 20:1–17

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 This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth John 2:13–22

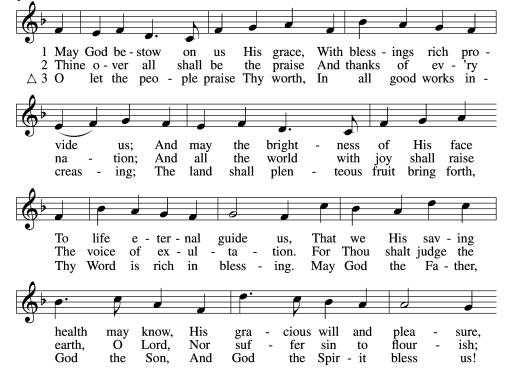
and of all things visible and invisible.

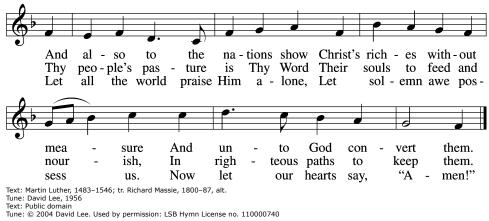
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace





Sermon

Stand



"O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" Adult Choir

Stand

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

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Lord's Prayer

 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. LSB 195



The Words of Our Lord

- LSB 197
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

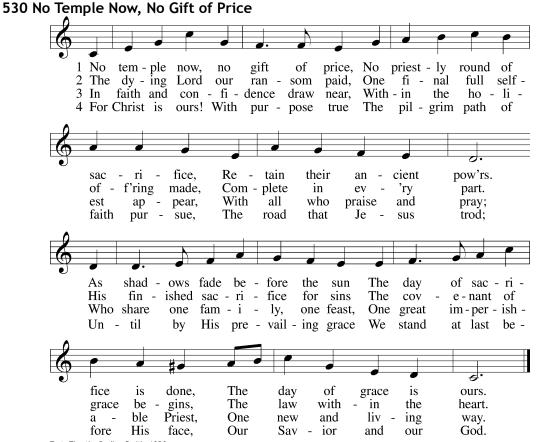
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





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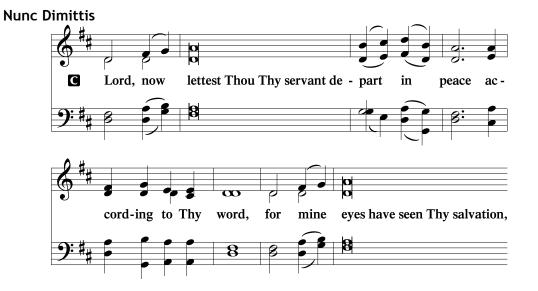
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1 Go dark Geth -All who feel the to sem - a - ne, 2 Fol - low the Lord to the judg - ment hall, View of moun - tain climb; There, a - dor -3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful ing 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His 0 tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, ar-raigned; Oh. the worm-wood gall! life and the His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time, at - i - tude breath - less clay; All is sol and gloom. 6 Watch with Him one bit ter hour; Turn not from His suf - f'ring, fin - ished!" the pangs His soul sus-tained! Oh, Shun not God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray. shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross. Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die. hear our eyes. meets Sav - ior, teach us so to rise. Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901 Text and tune: Public domain

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling 1 Now, my tongue, the tell - ing Of the glo - rious mys - t'ry con - de - scend-ing 2 Giv'n for us, and То be born for sup - per bread He ly - ing tak - eth, 3 That last night at Mid the Twelve, His 4 Word made flesh, the By His word His То \triangle 5 Glo - ry let give and bless - ing Fa - ther us the bod -And the blood, all price cel - ling, sing, ex _ V con us be - low, He with us in verse blend - ing com - ply - ing, He mak - eth, ad - dress - ing, cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law flesh to be; Wine His sa cred blood He and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad -Which the Gen-tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth а Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre-cious Faith a - lone the Though the sens - es While e - ter - nal fail to see; a -His ges Ev - er run; too Shed for world's ran-som - ing. dwell-ing, mong us this won - drous end - ing His most tient life of woe. ра food sup - ply - ing, true heart wak - eth love con - fess - ing Gives Him - self with His own hand. mys-ter - y. both is One. То be hold the Who from both with Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1274; tr. The Hymnal 1940 Tune: Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin, Paris, 1881 Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000740 Tune: Public domain

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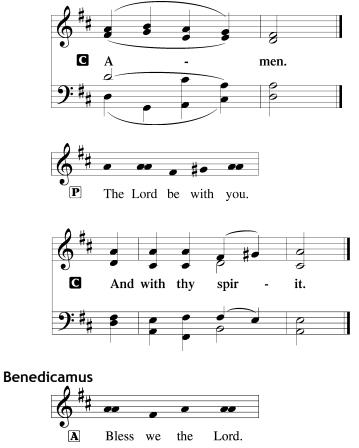


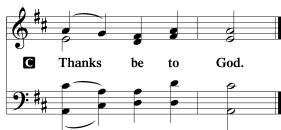


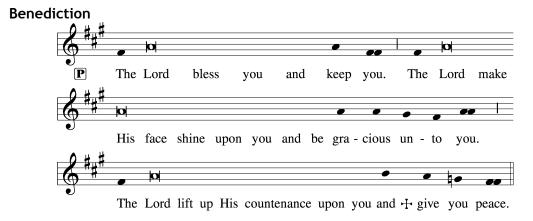
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one

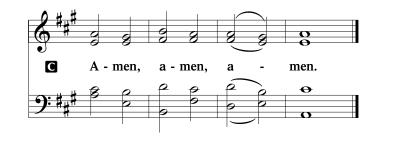
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



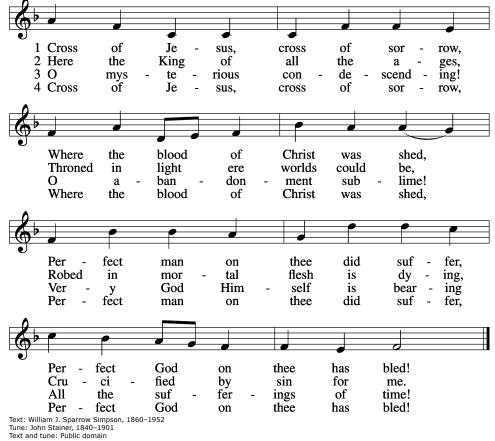




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