

# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

## Opening Hymn #790

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us confess our sin to God: O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have worshiped too many other gods. We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values. Turn our hearts to you again!**
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries. We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places. Turn our hearts to you again!**
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We turn to you, and to you alone, to be our God, our only God. Forgive our sins. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness. Answer us in the name of Christ, for he has promised to intercede for us.**  
**It is in him that we pray in the fellowship of his body. Amen.**
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 85*

- P** LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.**
- P** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- C** **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!**
- P** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- C** **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**
- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
- C** **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- C** **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- C** **Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**
- P** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.
- C** **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.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–20*

<sup>7</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 them. <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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Sermon Hymn

## Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)



Lord, from sor - rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en;  
Storms with - in my trou - bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;  
Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;



torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - pe - ra - tion.  
on my faith these bil - lows roll, God be now my shel - ter.  
when all I pos - sess is grief, God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res - cue!"  
Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.  
Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains; still my heart will praise You.  
When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.  
'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.



Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh, sing, through the rag - ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] 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.’”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Credo

*To the tune St Denio (“Immortal, Invisible”)*

**Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive  
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.  
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,  
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.**

**And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,  
True son of the Father, by angels adored;  
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,  
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,  
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;  
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,  
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.**

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## *Service of the Sacrament*

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Sanctus**

*To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")*

**"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;  
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.**

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## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei

*To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,  
Bearing the sinners' load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant your peace.



# Distribution Hymn #430

# My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was His home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 No story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like Thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



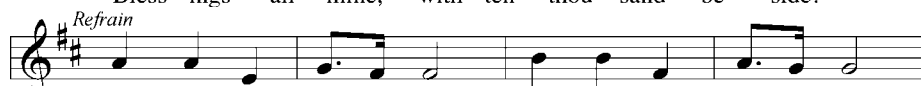
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Distribution Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious  
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near  
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or  
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy  
I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly

Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -  
by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art  
pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is  
will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -  
One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed

ford.  
nigh.  
vain.  
fill.  
Son!

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O

bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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The Dismissal

# Closing Hymn #643

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
 The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.  
 The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,  
 The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing  
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we hear.

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## Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

# Announcements

## Today

- **Bible Study** 10:30 AM Masks Optional: Adults and Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:30 PM

## Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

## Wednesday

- **Midweek Lent Worship Service** – 7:00 PM

## Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**St. James Member Picture Directory** Please see the flyer and sign-up sheet in the narthex for details and to sign up for your photo to be taken in April!

**Meals for New Moms** - Our church provides several meals to families upon having a baby. If you would like to volunteer for this service please contact the church office.

**National Youth Gathering Fundraiser** - Our senior high youth group is heading to Houston, TX in July 2022. Please consider helping us get there with our Envelope Challenge Wall. Grab an envelope, fill it with your donation, and return it to the church offering plate.

**New Member Class Begins Tonight** - Everyone is welcome!

**Life Affirming Prayer Vigil** - Join us for a Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 26 from 9:45-11 AM at Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, Illinois. We will meet at the church parking lot, leaving by 9:00 AM. Please contact the church office for more information.



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