

**Order of Worship  
for  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen!**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

**And also with you!**

**KYRIE**

*(from the ELW, pages 140-141)*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb, who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun His reign, alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER**

*Merciful God, the fountain of living water: You quench our spiritual thirst daily and wash away our sin. Give us Your living water always, through the inspiration of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**HYMN**

**“Shout to the Lord”  
ELW 821**

## READING

Psalm 23

**The lesson for today is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.**

**David writes:**

*<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;*

*<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,*

*I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

*<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

*<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## GOSPEL

John 9:17-41

**The Gospel reading is from John,  
chapter nine, verses seventeen through forty-five.**

**John writes of the Pharisees and Jesus:**

*<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him? It was your eyes He opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."*

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this Man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether He is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this Man, we do not know where He comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but He does listen to one who worships Him and obeys His will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when He found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is He, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in Him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and the One speaking with you is He." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and said to Him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**"Pouring it On"**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

### **MESSAGE**

**"Leaving Your Water Jug Behind"**

**Rev. David Hewitt**

**HYMN**  
**“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**  
**ELW 778**

**OUR CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

*Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.*

**Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.**

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God’s authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God’s will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

**OFFERING**

*Your offerings are more than just money to keep the lights turned on. Your gifts help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need. We are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, and we strive to be good stewards of the resources you provide to us.*

**If you wish to give online, you can [use our app](#)  
Or, go to our website at <https://kogcarmel.org/give>**

**HYMN**  
**“We Are an Offering”**  
**ELW 692**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
THE NICENE 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 CHURCH**

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

***For those worshipping in-house,  
we invite you to come forward if you wish.  
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,  
you may so.***

***For those joining us online,  
If you are able,  
we invite you to take communion where you are,  
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body  
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and  
peace, now and forever. Amen!*

**HYMN**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**ELW 856**

**BENEDICTION**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon  
you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**Minister:** Rev. David Hewitt

**Organist & Choir Director:** Julie Shadinger

**Pianist & Sounds of Glory Director:** David Moscrip

*All Rights Reserved.*

*All music and videos used with permission.*

*Some content courtesy of Worship Audio Tracks and Igniter Media.*

*CCLI# 1371244 / CSPL# 21040222 / OneLicense 735538-A*