

Order of Public Worship of God

The Third Day of March, Two Thousand Twenty-Four

Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

“Our Lord brings into being the brotherhood of believers. He fashions the fellowship of the household of faith. This is the new society, which is not segregated according to race or nationality. It is not predicated upon social standing or economic power. It consists of those whose faith meets at the cross, and whose experience of forgiveness flows from the cross.”

- Mariano DiGangi, “Words from the Cross”

“Whom do you perceive God to be, in your sin and your suffering? Who do you think God is—not just on paper but in the kind of person you believe is hearing you when you pray? How does he feel about you? His saving of us is not cool and calculating. It is a matter of yearning.”

- Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

Near the cross her vigil keeping
Stood the mother worn with weeping
Where he hung the dying Lord
Through her soul, in anguish groaning
Bowed in sorrow, sighing, moaning
Passed the sharp and piercing sword

- Jacopone da Todi, 13th century poem



OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,
Who gathers his pilgrims for a Lenten feast day:
an oasis in the wilderness of discipline
Refresh us with your Spirit;
Give us bread for the journey
in Word, sacrament, and prayer
Prepare our hearts to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection
with gladness and gratitude at Your perfect provision for us.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Jesus With Thy Church Abide”

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure, grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in the promise sure:
We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee:
We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech thee, hear us; we beseech thee, hear us.

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Philippians 2:4-11

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Who Is Like The Lord Our God”

Our Father, he lifts from the ashes, he raises the poor and the lost;
He seats them to dine at his table, to feast without money or cost.
The lonely he settles in families, the barren, a mother he makes;
O happy the heart of the stranger who’s welcomed by this King of Grace.

Refrain:

Who is like the Lord our God?
Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell,
Who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;
He humbled himself in obedience to Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.
Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise. *(refrain)*

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior, and count all your righteousness loss;
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.
That all of his power in victory, imparted to you, may abound;
And sharing the suff’rings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown. (refrain)

“Psalm 126”

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord.

Refrain:

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your Kingdom for the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, “He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord; restore us, O Lord. (refrain)

INVOCATION AND THE 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families
before communion.*

READING OF GOD’S WORD | John 19: 25-27

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Famous Last Words

Sermon: “Behold Thy Mother”
- Rev. Greg Aydt

