

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

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God so loved the  
world that He  
gave His only  
begotten Son  
that whosoever  
believes in Him  
shall not perish.

John 3:16

Hymn of Invocation. **Sing Praise to the God of Israel** 936

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

### INTROIT PSALM 105

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **Glory 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.**

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and forever, Amen.**

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

### APPOINTED READINGS 5 MARCH 2023

Old Testament/Genesis 12:1–9. Epistle/Romans 4:1–17. Gospel/ John 3:1–17

#### ***The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus***

- The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth”. “Abram went, as the LORD had told him”, and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD”. (Gen. 12:8)
- Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”. Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly”, not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead”. (Rom. 4:17)
- The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14–15)

**SERMON NOTES**

5 March 2023 ***In This Way God Loved the World*** John 3:16-17

***For in this way God loved the world, so that he gave his one and only Son, in order that everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world in order that He should condemn the world, but in order that the world should be saved through Him.***

Because God sees that we are in need of rescue and cannot save ourselves, He gives the greatest Love this world has ever known that we might not be lost but enjoy life with Him forever.

**1. Sin's lethal venom we cannot cure**

1. Israel's complaining and the fiery serpents
2. We cannot prevent all sickness, injury or dying

**2. God sends His one and only Son to our rescue**

1. That believing in Him we might not perish
2. We justly deserve His temporal and eternal condemnation

**3. God's wondrous Love transfers us from death to life undying**

1. Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, He has given us
2. We and the world might be saved for an Eternal Springtime

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT. 5 MARCH 2023**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has shown Your love to the world in His death and resurrection. Give Your people hearts to remember Your gracious works and to proclaim Your name in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promise us an inheritance not because of Your law but because of Your promise to Abraham and to us. In Your grace, nourish us in the faith unto life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You made Your servant Abraham the father of us all through faith, and You have given all fathers the calling of Abraham to hand down the Gospel of Christ. Fill their hearts with the words of Christ, and remember them according to Your great mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, remember our nation and its leaders. Bless all who make, administer and judge our laws, and enable us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, be near to the sick and the suffering and to those who care for them:

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Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Nicodemus was led by the word of Jesus to the cross, and from the cross he received the body of Jesus. Grant us faith like his to trust Your Word and receive Christ's body and blood in the Holy Sacrament for forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You give life to the dead and have united the faithful of all ages in the Body of Christ. As You shelter all the saints in the arms of Your mercy, so comfort us who await Your final victory over death and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**