



The 4th Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* J. Hatton/arr. Paul Taylor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Sonata in D Major, Movement 1* B. Marcello/ arr. J. Salmon
Ron Coons, Soprano Saxophone

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and the things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW #848

1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
2. He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.
3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

ELW p. 138

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day...

C: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

1st Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading from Psalm 107

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe

L: gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

L: They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

C: Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord and you delivered them from their distress.

L: You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

C: Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love; let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel: John 3:1-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: What Wondrous Love is This?

ELW #666

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful
curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through
eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity, I'll sing on.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith...

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the People (each petition ends... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our congregational gifts in support the Montana Synod of the ELCA. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online - we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory Music: *Brilliante*
Ron Coons, Soprano Saxophone

A. Vivaldi/ arr. M. Williams

Offering Response: Create in Me ELW #186
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us with these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 144

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, ...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 144

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, [...] Now, Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Hymn during Communion: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW #494

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board,
May the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim ...
till all the world... a-dore... his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (refrain)
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (refrain)
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (refrain)

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice!*

David Paxton



Keeping in Prayer... Friends and family of Judi Jonas following her death; Holly Hesper & family following the death of her mother; Arvin Swenson, Hy & Becky, John & Elizabeth, Pat, Chris Bender, Dawn, Brian, Kathy, Beth, Jim, Arnie Depping, Larry & Peggy Johnson, Rachel, Don & Donna, Diana, Rose Ulery, Ann, Ted, Carl & Harley, Sandy Kirkegaard, Noah, Elaine Rice, Dorothy Roseth, Jerry, Toni Sperle, Steven, Scott, Haley, Esther Bender, Reta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 3:

- *FLOWING WATER* noon recital series Wed., 3/6. Bring a sack lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.
- Lent Soup Supper is Wednesday, 3/6 from 6:00-6:45 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer worship from 6:45 – 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.
- Handbells rehearse Thurs. at 5:40 pm in the Library.
- GF Community Band rehearses Thur. 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Reader: Rob Wilbur

Communion Assistant: Rob Wilbur

Fellowship: Jera Anderson

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