

This year in our mid week Lenten worship we look at the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3. In this Jesus shows us characteristics that he wants to see in local congregations. We also see things he wants us to avoid.

Stand

Hymn

*Come, O Almighty King* Hymn 193:1-2



1 Come, now, al - might - y King; Help us your  
2 Come, now, in - car - nate Word; Put on your



name to sing; Help us to praise. Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and your



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give your Word suc - cess;



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Grant us your right - eous-ness, Sav - ior and Friend.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716-96, alt.

**M:** My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth  
“Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?...Can he supply meat for his people?”

**C:** Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; he rained down manna for the people to eat, Human beings ate the bread of angels;

**M:** In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

**All:** Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them.

From Psalm 78

**Morrison Zion  
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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**

as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the Gospel  
and

**Go**

with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

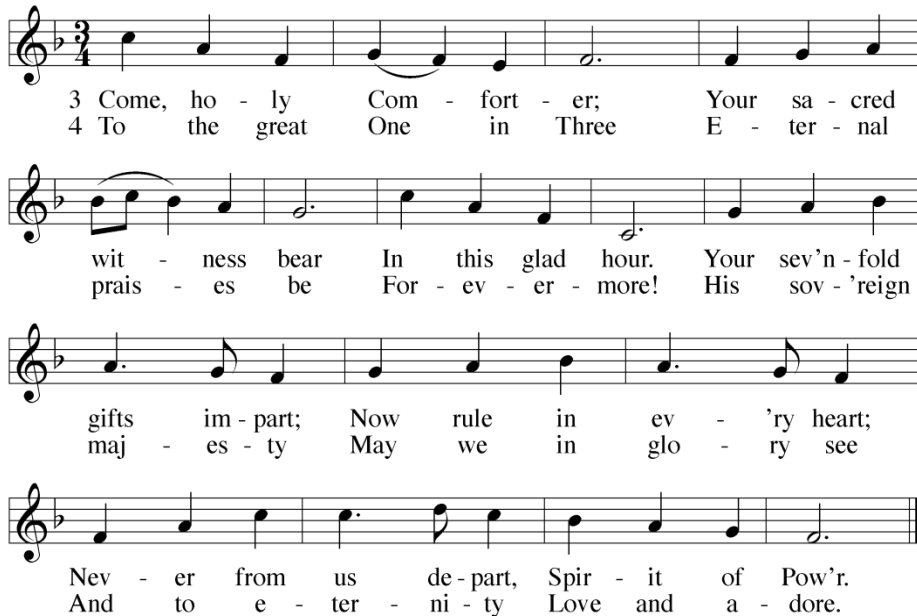
Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through his  
Word and Sacrament.  
We acknowledge our  
sin and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the focus  
of our worship.

## Hymn

*Come, O Almighty King* Hymn 193:3-4



3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er; Your sa - cred  
4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal

wit - ness bear In this glad hour. Your sev'n - fold  
prais - es be For - ev - er - more! His sov - 'reign

gifts im - part; Now rule in ev - 'ry heart;  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see

Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of Pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abr., alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716-96, alt.

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## THE WORD

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### Prayer of the Day

**All: Jesus, coming Judge, let me never be led astray by the lure of money or false teaching. Instead, enable me always to listen to your Spirit speaking through your Word so I may be found faithful when you come. In your name I pray. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### First Lesson

Come and put a curse on these people

**Numbers 22:1-20**

**22** Then the Israelites traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho.

<sup>2</sup> Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites, <sup>3</sup> and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup> The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, “This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.”

So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, <sup>5</sup> sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the Euphrates River, in his native land. Balak said:

“A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. <sup>6</sup> Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that whoever you bless is blessed, and whoever you curse is cursed.”

<sup>7</sup> The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said.

<sup>8</sup> “Spend the night here,” Balaam said to them, “and I will report back to you with the answer the LORD gives me.” So the Moabite officials stayed with him.

<sup>9</sup> God came to Balaam and asked, “Who are these men with you?”

<sup>10</sup> Balaam said to God, “Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message: <sup>11</sup> ‘A people that has come out of Egypt covers the face of the land. Now come and put a curse on them for me. Perhaps then I will be able to fight them and drive them away.’”

<sup>12</sup> But God said to Balaam, “Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed.”

<sup>13</sup> The next morning Balaam got up and said to Balak’s officials, “Go back to your own country, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you.”

<sup>14</sup> So the Moabite officials returned to Balak and said, “Balaam refused to come with us.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Balak sent other officials, more numerous and more distinguished than the first. <sup>16</sup> They came to Balaam and said:

“This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Do not let anything keep you from coming to me, <sup>17</sup> because I will reward you handsomely and do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me.”

<sup>18</sup> But Balaam answered them, “Even if Balak gave me all the silver and gold in his palace, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the LORD my God. <sup>19</sup> Now spend the night here so that I can find out what else the LORD will tell me.”

<sup>20</sup> That night God came to Balaam and said, “Since these men have come to summon you, go with them, but do only what I tell you.” (New International Version)

**Second Lesson** To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna

**Rev. 2:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> “To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it. (NIV)

**M:** This is what the Spirit says to the churches.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel**

The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven.

**John 6:26-33**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” (NIV)

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be Seated*

**Hymn**

*How Precious Is the Book Divine Hymn 284*



1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By  
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our  
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And  
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of



in - spi - ra - tion giv'n! Bright as a lamp its  
gloom - y world to cheer, Dis - plays a Sav - ior's  
where our feet have trod But brings to view the  
life shall guide our way Till we be - hold the



doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.  
bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.  
match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.  
clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, abr., alt.  
Tune: WALDER (CM) Johann J. Walder, 1750–1817.

**Sermon**

**Pergamum: Idolatry Is the Deadliest Sin**

**Rev. 2:12-17**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

## **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 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.**

## **Benediction**

M: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**C: To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus be with god's people. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn

## O Word of God Incarnate Hymn 279:2-3



2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the  
3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of



gift di - vine, And still that light is lift - ed O'er  
bur - nished gold To bear be - fore the na - tions Your



all the earth to shine. It is the chart and  
true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wan - d'ring



com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, Mid mists and  
pil - grims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and



rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.  
dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, adapt., alt.

Tune: MUNICH (76 76 D) *Neu-verbmerhtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

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