

The Season Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. We see ourselves for what we are: sinners who caused the death of Christ. We also see our Savior for what he is: The Messiah who did all these things willing because he loves all!

The Sunday How beautiful is our journey to the cross and tomb. We have seen our Savior's battle waged against temptation. We have found confidence in his resolution to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. We have turned to the Lord at his invitation to draw near with repentant hearts. And we have rejoiced in his loving and forgiving embrace. In these final hours before Holy Week, even as we rejoice in the great things God has done for his people throughout history, let us put the ways of the past behind us and continue to strive for that for which Christ has laid hold of us. Marks of the Messiah: Persistent call to return to God.

Gathering Rite on the Word

God's people long to gather together for strength from God and mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning reminds God's people of the blessings of his Word.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
 hear you.
 fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
 Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Psalm 119:97-99,103)

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Our mission is to

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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.



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Choir

In Christ Alone (10:30)

THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-24

The LORD had delivered his people from a life of slavery in Egypt and from impending death at the hand of the pursuing Egyptian army. But even this glorious rescue pales in comparison to the salvation to be worked in the Messiah. This is the Lord’s invitation to praise him for the eternal salvation he will bring. The Israelites of old foolishly clung to the ceremonial law with empty formalism. Like Pharisees of the past and present, they look to deeds rather than Christ and the gracious salvation he brings.

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

17 who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
18 “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
19 See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
20 The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
21 the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.
22 “Yet you have not called on me, Jacob,
you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel.
23 You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings,
nor honored me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with grain offerings
nor wearied you with demands for incense.
24 You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me,
or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins
and wearied me with your offenses.

Psalm of the Day

We will sing the refrain and read the verses.

Psalm 73

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?*
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

**Glory be 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.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Romans 11:11-21

Paul speaks particularly to those who have been grafted into the olive tree. In apostasy, Israel chose self-righteousness and idolatry, rejecting the LORD's covenant and his Messiah. As such they were broken off. Here we find that we live in the confidence of a two-fold knowledge: 1) We are grafted into the nourishing tree by grace; 2) We remain in the tree by faith.

¹¹ Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious.

¹² But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

Stand

Gospel

Luke 20:9-19

We find ourselves horrified by the actions of the evil tenants. In self-righteous anger we say with the Jews, "May this never be!" Jesus warns that the self-righteous Pharisees of the ages will be dashed to pieces against him, the Cornerstone. Even so, the

owner of the vineyard again and again sends Word to the renters. His desire to reconnect with the wicked tenants is so great that he sends his own Son. Those who receive him with hearts of faith will gratefully bring forth fruit and, along with him, enjoy the Son's inheritance forever.

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

¹⁴ "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" [Ps 118:22]?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

My Song Is Love Unknown CW 110:1-3



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas

love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.

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Sermon

Luke 20:9-19 (8:00)

Good Confession Sunday Questions

(10:30)

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Hymn

Not Unto Us CW 392:3-4



3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry,



years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



you But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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