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# Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2020

Traditional Worship

8:00 a.m.

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*The congregation is invited to stand and face the Baptismal Font.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**C** Amen

*(An extended silence for reflection & self-examination)*

**P** Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father:

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You  
and to all my brothers and sisters,  
all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You  
and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.**

**I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what I have done, and by what I have left undone,  
by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault.**

**But I am sorry for them, and repent of them,  
and pray for Your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being;  
forgive my sins,  
give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life,  
and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

**P** Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. 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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All eyes follow the crucifer bearing the processional cross, who leads to the Chancel as the congregation sings.*

## Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE



**A** Lord, have mer - cy:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Christ, have mer - cy:    **C** Christ, have mer - cy.



**A** Lord, have mer - cy:    **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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# The Word

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray: *(a brief silence)*

P God of all mercy, by Your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.

*The congregation is seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  
*1 Samuel 16:1-13*

L This the Word of the Lord!  
C Thanks be to God!

**PSALMODY — Psalm 23**

*Congregational Psalm Refrain:*



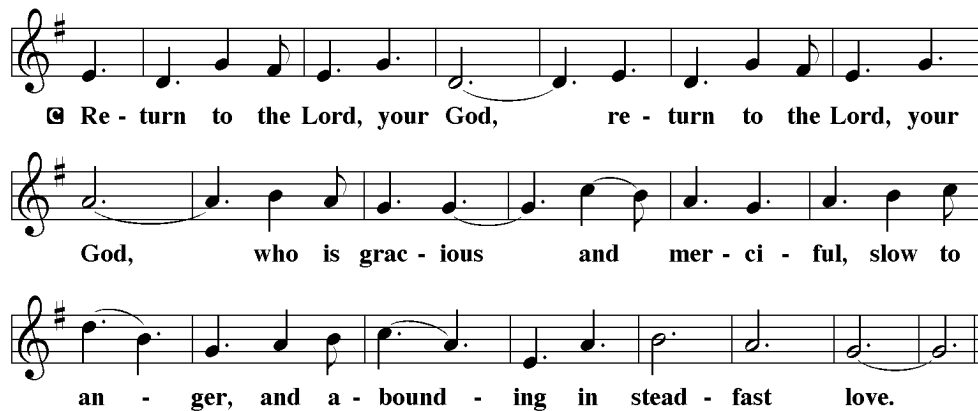
*Cantor:*

...for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me. /R  
...and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. /R

**EPISTLE LESSON**  
*Ephesians 5:8-14*

L This the Word of the Lord!  
C Thanks be to God!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter:  
C Glory to You, O Lord!

*Saint John 9:1-41*

P The Gospel of our Lord!  
C Praise to You, O Christ!

*The congregation is seated.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The congregation stands to sing.*

### *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which we were baptized:**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that He would be merciful to His people.**

*A brief silence*

**A Holy Father, thank you for the light of sun and moon, stars and streetlights, candles and lamps. Thank you for these “created lights” that are the faintest glimmer shed from your true and uncreated Light, your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Lead us, even when eyes fail and earthly lights grow dim, to his kindly light, which no darkness can overcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal the blindness of your Church. Give it eyes to see its own sin, and to repent. Give it eyes to see the world's sins, and to offer your forgiveness to any who will receive it. Give it eyes to see the plight of all who are afflicted by the powers of sin, death and the devil, and to proclaim your gracious redemption, bestowed through the Passion of your dear Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal the blindness of those who persecute followers of Jesus, and of all who turn a blind eye to their plight. Grant that all who suffer on account of Christ may be so faith-filled and gracious that their tormentors turn to you for healing, forgiveness, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be gracious and merciful to your missionaries, to our seminarians and their professors, and to all who strive to be Jesus' apprentices and disciples, especially our Bishop Dan and our Mission District Dean Kris.. Give them clear sight and strong faith, so that through their labors, many who are spiritually blind may be led to Jesus and healed. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal the blindness from which we, the members of this congregation, suffer. Give us new eyes to see Jesus in one another, and for his sake, to love even the person we don't yet like. Continue to give each family at Joy the perseverance to respond and pray daily in our "40 Days of Prayer for the Call". Keep our Parish Planning Board strong and give wisdom and insight to our call committee as they carry out their work on our behalf. Give us eyes to see new opportunities for serving you; for sharing our faith in you; and for making this church a lamp that shines with the light of Christ's love for everyone we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Let your healing, blessing and grace rest upon the blind and deaf; and upon those with impaired or distorted senses of touch or taste, balance or movement. We often take for granted these gifts; unless it happens to us, we can't imagine lacking them. Give them strength and courage. Sharpen the perception of their other senses.

Surround them with people whose respect and encouragement leads them to greater faith in you, their light and their life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Heal the blindness of the nations, and all who are in positions of authority. Give them eyes to seek your will, and hearts and hands to do it. Give them eyes to see injustice, deceit and cruelty, and the strength and courage to combat them. Make each of us into children of your light, living in faith toward you and with fervent love toward one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A As your dear Son healed the man born blind, we pray that he would also bring healing, light, hope, and renewed faith to everyone who suffers from any affliction. Especially we lift up the needs of those we now name:

*Silence for individual prayer; then:*

A Lift them up from their pain, sorrow, fear or grief. And give them the joy of your saving help, now and always. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We thank you, dear Father, for receiving into your greater light and into your eternal life, everyone who died trusting your promises. Deal mercifully with those shadowed by grief and loss. And we beg you: Lord, let us receive our sight, so that day by day, we see you more clearly; love you more dearly; and follow you more nearly. Bring us to that endless Day in which we see you face to face in the company of all who have been redeemed by the merits of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Into Your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*The congregation is seated.*

### OFFERING "Organ Offertory"

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first time worshipper, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For disciples and friends, the mission and ministries of this congregation are completely dependent upon our generous giving.

*The congregation arises as bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward.*

### OFFERTORY



☪ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

### OFFERTORY COLLECT

A Let us pray: *(a brief silence)*

A Merciful Father,

C You invite us to keep the season of Lent so that we may share in the humble ministry of Your Son. Give us the devotion to live more sparingly and then share what is saved that our neighbor may rejoice to see Your unselfish love in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Table is prepared for the heavenly banquet.*

## The Blessed Sacrament

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord

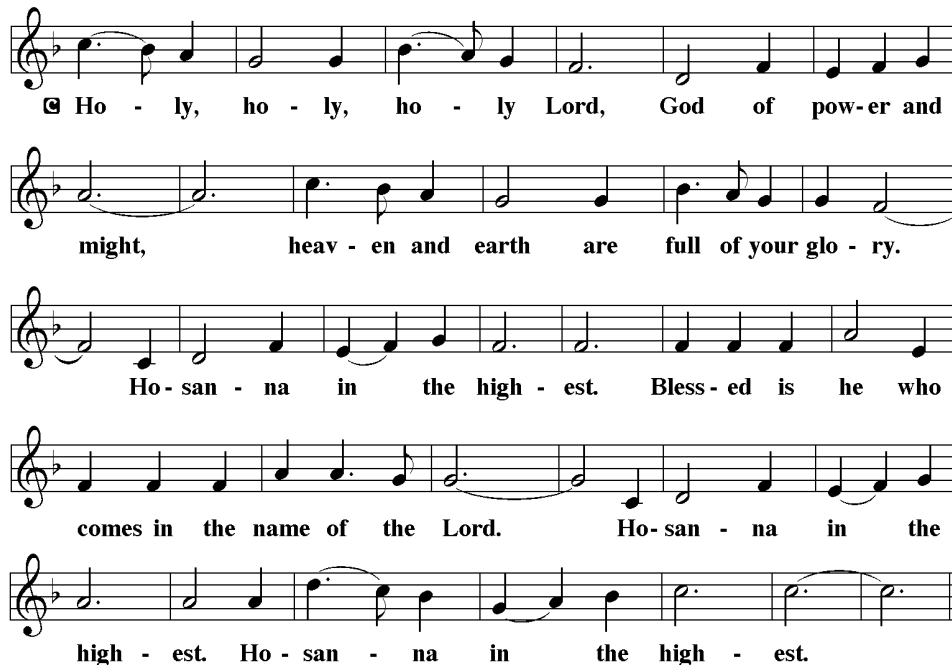
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.

Renew our zeal in faith and life and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the whole Church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

### THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC CANON FOR LENT

P Blessed are You O Lord our God.

You created us in Your image; and in the mystery of Your great love for us  
You sent Your only Son, Jesus the Christ, born of Mary by the power of the  
Spirit.

Led by that Spirit, He was tempted as we are tempted; He proclaimed Your  
forgiveness to sinners; He loved even His enemies.

Despised and rejected, He bore the alienation of the world as He stretched  
out His arms on the cross; and by this all-sufficient sacrifice He has drawn  
all people to Himself, giving His life as a ransom for the many.

As we gather in His Name and celebrate His covenant, send Your Spirit upon  
us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the  
very Body and Blood of Your Son, Christ Jesus, Redeemer of the world.

C Amen.

✠ Words of Institution ✠



P This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread; when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

**Take and eat, this is My Body, which is given for you.**

When supper had ended, He took the cup; when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said:

**All of you, drink of this, for this Cup is My Blood of the new covenant, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this for my remembrance.**

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God.

By Your Son's life-giving passion and death, and by His resurrection and ascension into glory, our Lord Jesus continually intercedes for us and for all He has claimed as His own.

As we now share together this Bread of life and this Cup of Salvation, unite us with all Your faithful people in all times and in all places in the forgiveness of sins, and bring us, at length, to that eternal celebration of life at the Lamb's High Feast!

C **Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into the temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### FRACTION

P When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ!

When we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ!

C **Reveal Yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the Bread, as once You revealed Yourself to the disciples!**

### AGNUS DEI



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The congregation is seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### *My Song if Love Unknown*

- 1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
- 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
- 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?

love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.

Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and

flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

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| <p>5 They rise, and needs will have<br/>my dear Lord made away;<br/>a murderer they save,<br/>the prince of life they slay.<br/>Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,<br/>that he his foes from thence might free.</p> | <p>6 In life, no house, no home<br/>my Lord on earth might have;<br/>in death, no friendly tomb<br/>but what a stranger gave.<br/>What may I say? Heav'n was his home;<br/>but mine the tomb wherein he lay.</p> |
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- 7 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

### *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

*The congregation stands.*

**P** May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His holy and precious blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life eternal.

**C** Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray:

**A** Lamb of God, in this communion You have assured us of the forgiveness of our sins and given to us life and salvation. Walk with us in our Lenten fast and help us to abstain from sins which You have empowered us to put aside, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **MINISTRY ROLL CALL**

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**☩** Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

### BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

- P** The Lord is blessing you and keeping you.  
 The Lord is making His face shine on you and is being gracious to you.  
 The Lord is looking upon you with favor and ✠ giving you His peace.
- C** Amen.
- A** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

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