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# Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2020

Spirit Touching Spirit Worship

10:30 a.m.

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*The congregation is invited to stand and face the rear of the Nave.*

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 SONG

*Lion and The Lamb*

**Verse 1)** He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty

**Chorus)** Our God is a Lion the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a Lamb the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

**Verse 2)** Open up the gate make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty **(Chorus)**

**Bridge)** Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord. **(Chorus)**

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### 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** Amen

### LENTEN DIALOG

**A** Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**C** the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation.

**A** Seek the Lord while He may be found.

**C** Call upon Him while He is near.

**A** Let the wicked abandon their ways,

**C** and the unrighteous their thoughts.

**A** Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

**C** to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

**A** All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**C** Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of all mercies, and the God of all consolation,

### INCARNATION SONG

#### *The River*

**[Verse 1]** I know a place where we can go  
To lay the troubles down eating your soul  
I know a place where mercy flows  
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

**[Verse 2]** I've seen it move in my own life  
Took me from dusty roads into paradise  
All of my dirt, all of my shame  
Drowned in the streams that've made me born again

*[Pre-Chorus]*

Like a tide, it is rising up deep inside a current that moves and makes you come alive  
Living water that brings the dead to life, oh-oh-oh-oh

*[Chorus]* We're going down to the river

Down to the river, down to the river to pray

Let's get washed by the water

Washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace

Let's go down, down, down to the river (You will leave changed)

Let's go down, down, down to the river (Never the same)

*[Bridge]* Let's go down (3x)

*[Outro]* Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go in amazing grace (2x)

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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

*Antiphonal by verse with Lector*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup  
is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

L This is 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.*

**THE SERMON**

**THE SONG OF THE DAY**

*The congregation stands to sing.*

*I Am Free*

Through You the blind will see  
 Through You the mute will sing  
 Through You the dead will rise  
 Through You all hearts will praise  
 Through You the darkness flees  
 Through You my heart screams, I am free!

Through you the kingdom comes  
 Through you the battle's won  
 Through you I'm not afraid  
 Through you the price is paid  
 Through you there's victory  
 Because of you my soul sings  
 I am free, yes, I am free

*Chorus:* I am free — I am free  
 I am free to run — (*Echo:* I am free to run)  
 I am free to dance — (*Echo:* I am free to dance)  
 I am free to live for you — (*Echo:* I am free to live for you)  
 I am free — (*Echo:* I am free)  
 Yes I am free (*repeat*)

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**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, on behalf of all 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

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.*

*Change My Heart, O God*

**Chorus:** Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

*Verse: You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.*

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## 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.*

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# The Blessed Sacrament

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## 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

*Holy, Holy, Holy (WOV)*

Holy, Holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

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**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 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, 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*

*1)* Your only Son no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.

*Chorus)* O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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*The congregation is seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

##### *Good Good Father*

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night  
And you tell me that you're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*Chorus)* You're a good good father  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only you provide  
'Cause you know just what we need  
Before we say a word (*Chorus)*

Because you are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable  
I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still

As you call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love *(Chorus)*

You're a good good father  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

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### *Be Still and Know that I Am God*

**1) Be still and know that I Am God,  
be still and know that I Am God,  
be still and know that I Am God,**

**2) I am the Lord that healeth thee...**

**3) In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust...**

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### *Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on  
Heaven's Mercy Seat *[Repeat 2x]*

*(Chorus)* Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing: praise to the King of Kings!  
You are my everything, and I will adore You...!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To You the Only Wise King, Yeah *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your Name  
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath, and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery. Yeah... *(Chorus)*

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### *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**

#### *Wait On The Lord*

**1) Wait on the Lord, listen to His voice;  
They that wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength**

**2) Wait on the Lord, let His Spirit move;**

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
there is peace, sweet peace.**

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**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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