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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

+ Service of Holy Communion +

9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER**— *When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

by Wilbur Held

**WELCOME**

♯[Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯**OPENING HYMN**

**To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"**

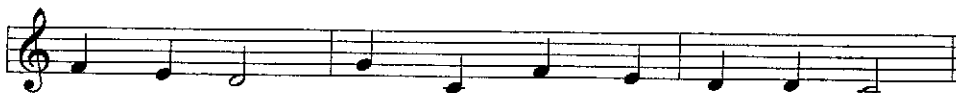
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1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

5. While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.
6. While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.
7. From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."

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## INVOCATION

**P** *In the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

## PSALM

Psalm 19:1-6

- P** *Today's Psalm, Psalm 19, informs our preparation for worship this morning. First, it celebrates the glory of God's creation.*
- P** *The heavens declare the glory of God,*  
**C** **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**
- P** *Day to day pours out speech,*  
**C** **and night to night reveals knowledge.**
- P** *There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.*  
**C** **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**
- P** *In them He has set a tent for the sun,*  
**C** **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**
- P** *Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,*  
**C** **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

## PSALM

Psalm 19:7-11

- P** *Continuing Psalm 19, the psalmist considers God's perfect Law.*
- P** *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;*  
**C** **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P** *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*  
**C** **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** *the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;*  
**C** **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**
- P** *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*  
**C** **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** *Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;*  
**C** **in keeping them there is great reward.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 19:12-14

- P** *When we use the Ten Commandments and other parts of the moral code as a mirror, we see that we have fallen from the perfection of God's good creation and His perfect Law.*
- P** *Who can discern his errors?*
- C** **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;*
- C** **let them not have dominion over me!**
- P** *Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.*
- C** **O God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Worse, in our fallen nature, we are sinful and unclean, and in the eyes of many we are weak, lowly people. But because You have graciously chosen us and worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.**
- P** *The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**
- P** *Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.*
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## KYRIE

- P** *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the peace of God's whole creation, for the well-being of all whom He has chosen to preach Christ crucified, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their thanks for the blessings that flow from the cross of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**Exodus 20:1–17**

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**1 Corinthians 1:18–31**

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

**O Come, and Let Us Look Up**

O come, and let us look up to Je - sus Christ, our Lord,  
The found - er and per - fec - ter of faith placed in God's Word.  
Who for the joy be - fore Him en - dured the cross's pain,  
De - spis - ing what sins wrought, their pun - ish - ment and shame.  
For that which He ac - com - plished for all hu - man - i - ty,  
At God's right hand He reigns, now and to e - ter - ni - ty.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 2:13–22**

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.*

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

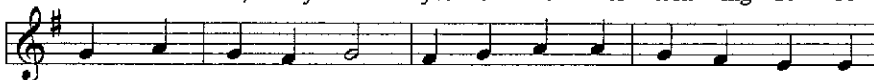
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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**SERMON**

***“A SPIRITUAL HOUSE CLEANING”***

***John 2:13-22***

- I. Just like our attics and basements can get crammed with junk, our souls are filled with the junk of sin.
- II. Jesus took all the garbage of our sin and nailed it to His cross.

**♩ NICENE CREED**

**☩** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances. Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory. And we pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination. Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions. Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities. Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom. Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith. Strengthen clergy and lay leaders to focus not on institutions or statistics but on the righteousness, sanctification, and redemption our Savior won in His gracious sacrifice for us in grace and love. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, [including . . .]. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:1, 3; Mark 11:9-10*

- P** *Isaiah wrote, "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. . . . And one called to another and said:*
- C** **'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"**

**G** 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"

**P** *When Jesus entered Jerusalem, "those who went before and those who followed were shouting,*

**G** 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'"

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** *Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in His should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes to us in His body and blood.*

**G** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

**G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:*

**G** **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.**

### PAX DOMINI

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**G** Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION

ORGAN INTERLUDE  
CHORAL SELECTION

*"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"  
"In Christ Alone"*

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** *Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

### BENEDICTION

**P** *May God Almighty—the Father who created all that exists; the Son, by whose death we have life; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts that we may boast only in the Lord—bless you and keep you, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

1 In the cross of Christ I glo-ry, Tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

### "Siciliano"

by Domenico Scarlatti

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**WE WISH TO THANK** the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Counter ..... Carl Kurth  
 Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss  
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