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## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE

Fantazia on "Wondrous Love"

Mark A. Radice

### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.**

**All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.**

## CONGREGATION GREETINGS

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

### CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

P: Heavenly Father, Your only begotten Son overcame Satan, sin, and death by His patience and suffering. Help us, we pray, to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has borne for us that we would be inspired to patiently persevere in true faith unto life everlasting.

**C: (sung) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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.

**C: Amen.**

L: The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from chapter seventeen of Exodus.

*God provides water from the rock at Rephidim.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 95

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

L: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

L: In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hands formed the dry land.  
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

L: For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.  
Today if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put Me to the test  
and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**A: 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.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

L: The second reading is from chapter five of Romans.

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise.)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, chapter four.

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

*Jesus reveals Himself as the Savior to a Samaritan woman.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Hymnal p. 423

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for you;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

## **VOLUNTARY**

When I Behold Jesus Christ

Henry V. Gerike

## **OFFERING SONG**

Hymnal p. 422

### **On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

**On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## **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.**

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our

lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Not All the Blood of Beasts**

Hymnal p. 431

**Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
While as a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree; I know my guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.**

**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

# POSTLUDE

## Exaltation

Karen Beaumont

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

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