



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

THE SOLEMN SEASON CALLS US NOW

Verse 1

The solemn season calls us now
A holy fast to keep;
And see within the temple how
Both priest and people weep.

But come not thou with tears alone,
Or outward form of prayer;
But let it in thy heart be known
That penitence is there.

Chorus

Thy breast to beat, thy clothes to rend,
God asketh not from thee;
Thy stubborn soul he bids thee bend
In true humility.

Verse 2

Oh let us, then, with heartfelt grief,
Draw near unto our God,
And pray to him to grant relief,
And stay the uplifted rod.

O righteous Judge, if thou wilt deign
To grant us all we need,
We pray for time to turn again,
And grace to turn indeed.

Verse 3

Blest Three in One, with grief sincere,
To thee we humbly pray,
That fruits of mercy may appear
To bless this fasting-day.

*Text: Paris Breviary, Trans. John Chandler, 1806-1876
Music: Paul Calvin, 2012*

COME OH REDEEMER COME

Verse 1

Father enthroned on high
Holy holy
Ancient eternal light
Hear our prayer

Chorus

Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us mercy
Come oh Redeemer come
Grant us peace

Verse 2

Lord save us from the dark
Of our striving faithless
And troubled hearts
Weighed down

Verse 3

Look now upon our need
Lord be with us
Heal us and make us free
From our sin

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GENESIS 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ROMANS 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than

that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MARK 8:31-38

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Calvin

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Org. JOHN MERBECKE, 1550

Hó - ly, Hó - ly, Hó - ly, LÓRD GÓD of Hosts.

Héa - ven and eárrth are fúll of thy gló - ry. Gló - ry be to thée, O LÓRD most High.

Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the LÓRD. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,
 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.

Celebrant and People:

Celebrant: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your abundant and great mercies.
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
 But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.
 Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 Your peace grant us Your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

Distribution of Reserved Sacrament

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please [sign up for our weekly email](#) for information about times and locations of distribution.

Prayer Ministry

In respect for the safe gathering guidelines, we are not offering in-person prayer ministry during Eucharist. [Please follow this link to our website](#) to view a list of prayer ministers offering prayer by phone or Zoom. You may also contact Deacon Dawn (dawn@oftheredeemer.org) or another member of our clergy to share personal prayer concerns. Prayer ministry is always private and confidential.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

HE IS GIVEN

Verse 1

Here is the fire and the wood
But where is the sacrifice
Here in the place of our sin
He will himself provide
He is given he is given 2X

Verse 2

Here is the King of the Jews
But where is his crown of light
Here for the debt of our sin
How they have pierced his side
He is stricken he is stricken 2X

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THE STEADFAST LOVE

The steadfast love
Of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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HIS LOVE IS MY RESTING PLACE (PSALM 23)

Verse 1

The Lord is my guide and friend
I rest well when I'm with him
No hunger or thirst or anxious need
When my Lord is here with me

Chorus

His love is my resting place
My Shepherd is kind and full of grace
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe
His love is my resting place

Verse 2

The shadow of death may fall
With darkness upon my way
But always my Lord is near to me
His love is my resting place

Verse 3

Your goodness will be my feast
Your kindness will overflow
And always your love will follow me
And your house will be my home

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at:
<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/>

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
February 21, 2021	\$242,876	\$240,333

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“Looking at his disciples, Jesus said...” Luke 6:20-49

Weekly Readings and Reflections Morning Prayer • Compline Groups Generosity

LUKE FOR LENT

You are invited to read through the Gospel of Luke during the 40 days of Lent with youth and adults of Church of the Redeemer, following a reading plan included in our Lent Bags. Weekly opportunities for reflection on passages from Luke 6 will be provided through written reflections posted each Monday, Morning Prayer, and Compline small groups.

Follow this link to read the weekly reflection:

<https://oftheredeemer.org/resources/redeemer-journal/category/len-reflections/>

40 DAYS OF GENEROSITY

‘Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.’ - Luke 6:38

Throughout the season of Lent, and as the focus of [our Good Friday offering](#), we will be collecting to support St. Paul’s Dormitory for orphans in Ma Ra Moe refugee camp in Thailand. Our goal is to raise \$6,000, with 50 households contributing, for St. Paul’s. This would provide 20 children and youth with food, shelter, clothing, education, and medicine for one year. Please consider how your family might contribute this Lent, kids included!

Fr. James, who is responsible for the dormitory and school, also invites our prayers for the students in their final exams and the unrest in neighboring Myanmar.

<u>GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING</u>		
As of	Households	Total Contributions
February 26, 2021	6	\$1350

WOMEN'S INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

Women's Inductive Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke meets **Monday nights, 7-8:15 p.m.** via Zoom. It is never too late to join us! Come to spend time with the Lord Jesus in the winter and spring of 2021 and to discover how Jesus responded to people like us! The Luke LifeChange study is our guide. We will adjust our meeting venue as the pandemic and the weather allow. Contact Barbie Anderson at bwanderson70@comcast.net with questions and to RSVP.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - THURSDAY MORNINGS

Women's Thursday morning Bible study will begin again on **Feb. 4 at 9:30** via Zoom, making changes to our meeting venue as the pandemic and weather allow. We will be studying Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, using the NavPress LifeChange Bible Study Guide in Ephesians as our guide. God's message of New Life in Christ is as pertinent and timely for us today as it was for the nascent church -- together we will discover the strength of God's Spirit to help us believe and live in loving harmony with Him and one another. Please contact [Cindy Calvin](#) with questions and to RSVP.

REFUGEE LIFE MINISTRY

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

WOMEN'S LISTENING PRAYER

We will gather in small groups over Zoom on **Thursday, March 4th from 7:00-8:30pm**. We hope you will consider joining us! Our time will be spent listening to the Lord and one another through the liturgy of compline, discussion, and prayer.

[Please sign up](#) by Tuesday, March 2nd. [Contact Haley Scharf](#) or anyone on the planning team with questions.

MEN'S LISTENING PRAYER

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for a time of worship via Zoom for the first 15 minutes, followed by sharing of reflection questions, journaling, and intercession in breakout groups. Tim Held will share his testimony with us. You may sign up to join a breakout group [using this link](#).

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Our Lenten Morning Prayer series will include reflections from Luke 6 as part of our journey through the Gospel of Luke.

Login information and an order of service is available on our website at:

<https://ofthedeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/>

PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN – FRIDAYS, 12–12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <https://ofthedeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/> to participate.



KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person.
K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams
4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to join [Miss Anna](#) and [Miss Julie](#) from 9:00-9:30 on Sunday mornings. We'll gather around with our friends for stories, songs and lots of movement.

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