

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 14, 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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Verse 1
My Shepherd will supply my need
Jehovah is His Name
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His Ways
And leads me for His Mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace

Verse 2
When I walk thro' the shades of death
Thy Presence is my stay
One word of Thy supporting Breath
Drives all my fears away
Thy Hand in sight of all my foes
Doth still my table spread
My cup with blessings overflows
Thine oil anoints my head

Verse 3

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days Oh may Thy House be my abode And all my work be praise There would I find a settled rest While others go and come No more a stranger nor a guest But like a child at home

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Great Are You Lord

Verse You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord Chorus
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan © 2012 Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music [DC Cook]))Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music [DC Cook]))Open Hands Music (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) So Essential Tunes (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) CCLI License # 11097686

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

2 Chronicles 36:14-23

¹⁴ All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the Lord that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²³ "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 6:1-15

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

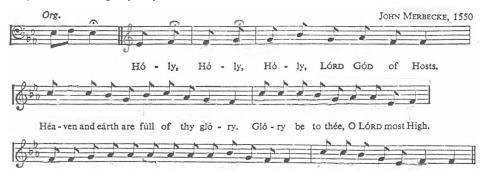
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



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.

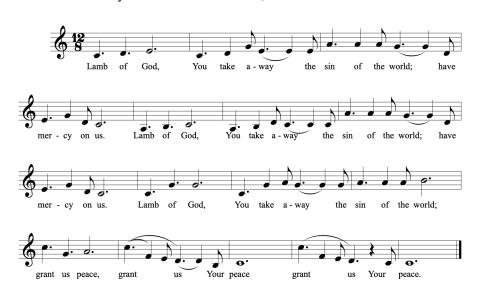
Celebrant and People:

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.



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Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

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 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.

Bread Of The World In Mercy Broken

Verse 1
Bread of the world in mercy broken
Wine of the soul in mercy shed
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead

Verse 2 Look on the heart by sorrows broken Look on the tears by sinners shed And be Thy feast to us the token That by Thy grace our souls are fed

text: Reginald Heber

tune: Nettleton by John Wyeth, arr. Jonathan Veenker

COME ALL YE PINING

Verse 1

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, The heights and depths unknown, Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, In thy beloved Son.

Verse 2

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!

Verse 3

Here shall your numerous wants receive A free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give, And joys that never die.

Chorus

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, The Saviour's bounty taste; Behold a never-failing store For every willing guest.

From **All Things New**, www.redmountainmusic.com From the hymn "Lord, We Adore Thy Boundless Grace" by Anne Steele. Gadsby #1039

My Saviour's Love

Chorus

How marvelous how wonderful And my song shall ever be How marvelous how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden He prayed not My will but Thine He had no tears for His own griefs But sweat drops of blood for mine

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone

Verse 4

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see 'Twill be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

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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.

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 <u>using this link</u>. 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	
March 7, 2021	\$251,164	\$251,778	

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Over the coming weeks, there will be a shift in the timing of our ministry with children. This will replace our KidConnect gatherings taking place on Sunday mornings and before church. Please note below the timing of these changes.

- Beginning March 21 Nursery care for 2 years and younger will be available during the service.
- Beginning April 4 (Easter Sunday) Preschool, K-3rd Grade, & 4th/5th Grade classes will be meeting during the service.

Nursery and Preschool will be utilizing Calvary's nursery, and children can be picked up at the passing of the peace. K-3 and 4/5 will be meeting in classrooms and will be returned to the sanctuary at the peace.

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

Schedule Change: Beginning Easter Sunday, April 4, K-3rd and 4th-5th classes will be meeting weekly, inperson, during the worship service at 4:30 p.m.

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.

Schedule Change: In the coming weeks Nursery care and Preschool Kidconnect will resume during our Sunday worship services. Nursery-age care will begin on March 21 and Preschool on Easter Sunday, April 4.

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://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/ to participate.



HOLY WEEK MARCH 28 - APRIL 4

March 28, Palm Sunday 4:30 pm Calvary Church

April 1, Maundy Thursday 7 pm Gathering Place

April 2, Good Friday 7 pm Gathering Place Stations of the Cross Outdoors, self-guided 1-3 pm Guided indoors, children, 1-2 pm Guided outdoors, 6 pm **April 3, Easter Vigil** 7:30 pm Outdoors at Gathering Place

April 4, Easter Sunrise 6:30 am Gathering Place

April 4, Easter Service 4:30 pm Calvary Church



"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/lent-reflections/

40 Days of Generosity

Throughout the season of Lent, and as the focus of <u>our Good Friday</u> <u>offering</u>, we are raising support for St. Paul's Dormitory for orphans in Mae Ra Moe refugee camp in Thailand. Our goal is to raise \$6,000,

with 50 households contributing. This would provide 20 children and youth with food, shelter, clothing, education, and medicine for one year. Please consider how you might contribute this Lent, kids included!

As of	Households	Total Contributions
March 11, 2021	17	\$5351

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://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/

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 Zoomin 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.

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