

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 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

# TRISAGION

Holy God Holy and mighty Holy immortal One Have mercy, have mercy on us

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# Only A Holy God

Verse 1 Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

Verse 2 What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Verse 3 What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God *Chorus* Come and behold Him The One and the Only

The One and the Only Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

#### Verse 4 Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only a Holy God

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# GENESIS 20:1-21

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying,

 $^2\,$  "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

<sup>18</sup> Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." <sup>21</sup> The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

# Romans 7:12-25

<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind

and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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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 Luke. **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

# Luke 6:27-36

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ. David Stewart

# 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 <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/give/">https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</a>

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:



Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the LORD. 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,

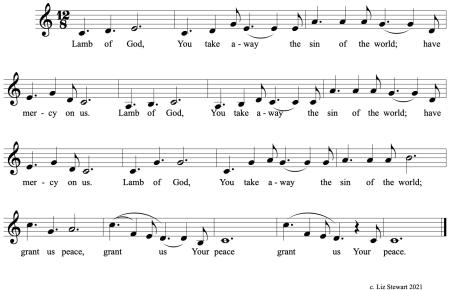
but in your abundant and great mercies.

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: 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. <u>Please follow this link to our website</u> 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.

# Come YE Sinners

#### Verse 1

Come ye sinners poor and needy Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity love and pow'r He is able He is able He is willing doubt no more He is able He is able He is willing doubt no more

#### Verse 2

Come ye thirsty come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Ev'ry grace that brings us nigh Without money without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy Without money without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy Verse 3 Come ye weary heavy laden Bruised and broken by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all Not the righteous not the righteous Sinners Jesus came to call Not the righteous not the righteous Sinners Jesus came to call

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# ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ be with me, Christ within me Christ behind me, Christ before me Christ beside me, Christ to win me Christ to comfort and restore me

Christ beneath me, Christ above me Christ in quiet, Christ in danger Christ in hearts of all that love me Christ in mouth of friend and stranger So I bind unto myself The strong name of the Trinity I believe the Three in One Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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# MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR

#### Verse 1

May the mind of Christ my Saviour Live in me from day to day By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say

#### Verse 2

May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r

#### Verse 3

May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing

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#### Verse 4

May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea Him exalting self abasing This is victory

#### Verse 5

May I run the race before me Strong and brave to face the foe Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go

*Verse 6* May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win And may they forget the channel Seeing only Him 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 <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	
February 28, 2021	\$246,206	\$246,055	

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

Weekly Readings and Reflections Morning Prayer • Compline Groups Generosity

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### March 28 - Palm Sunday

Calvary Church, 4:30 p.m.

#### April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Gathering Place, 7 p.m.

#### April 2 - Good Friday

Gathering Place - Stations of the Cross

April 3 - Easter Vigil

Outdoors at Gathering Place, 7:30 p.m.

#### April 4 - Easter Sunrise Gathering Place, 6:30 a.m.

## April 4 - Easter Sunday

Calvary Church, 4:30 p.m.

# 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 4, 2021	9	\$2350

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

Join us a 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 <u>using this link</u>.

# 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 <u>Cindy Calvin</u> 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.

#### 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/

# 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 <u>https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/</u> to participate.

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#### 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 <u>Miss Anna</u> and <u>Miss Julie</u> from 9:00-9:30 on Sunday mornings. We'll gather around with our friends for stories, songs and lots of movement.

#### <u>Staff</u>

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

Sonia Keillor - Administrative Assistant

Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

# Assisting Clergy

Rev. Dr. Edward Combe - Priest Rev. Joseph Calandra - Priest Rev. Dawn Lundgren - Deacon Rev. Jacques Kustritz - Deacon

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Altar Guild - <u>Barbara Leafblad</u> Finance - <u>Roger Scharf</u> Website Manager - <u>Caleb Molstad</u> Greeting Team - <u>Steve & Sarah</u> <u>Scarborough</u> Hospitality Team - <u>Todd Willmarth</u> Missions Team - <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Music - <u>Paul Calvin</u> Prayer Ministry - <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Youth Leadership Team Breana Dahl Caleb Dahl Katie Miller

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