

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 13, 2022

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

Verse 1
Glorious things of thee are spoken
Zion city of our God
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded
What can shake thy sure repose
With salvation's walls surrounded
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes

Verse 2
See the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage
Grace which like the Lord the Giver
Never fails from age to age

Verse 3
Savior since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am
Let the world deride or pity
I will glory in Thy name
Fading is the world's best pleasure
All its boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant and People: 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

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...

Trisagion

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

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CHILDREN'S FOCUS

Rev. Liz Stewart

At this time, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to come forward before being dismissed for KidConnect.

THE SONG OF BLESSING

May God give you eyes to see All that is good, all that is good The courage for anything May you be strong, may you be strong May God give you ears to hear His loving voice, His loving voice Speaking all around you All around... and deep inside

John Mark Nelson, Mary Weins

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 15:1-8

- ¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
- ⁷ And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
- ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold,

dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,"

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

Psalm 27:1-6

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Luke 13:22-35

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you

see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

Rev. Chris Peterson

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer.

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 deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, 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/using this QR code:



Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

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: 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, O 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.







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 to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread from the minister and then take either wine from the silver tray or juice from the brass tray.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

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.

Lamb of God
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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.

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.

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 3

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

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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

Refrain

The Lord our God is good The Lord our God is good Full of kindness and compassion Merciful and just The Lord our God is good

Verse 1
Who else knows our deepest pain
Bears it as his own
Finds us in our naked shame,
Clothes and brings us home

Verse 2
Who takes his inheritance
And gives it all away
Welcomes guests to feast with him
Who never can repay

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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 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.

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 presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



CHOIR IN LENT AND EASTERTIDE

Choir rehearsals for the Lenten season and Eastertide are Sundays at 3:15 in the choir room. Singers high school through adult are happily welcomed. Please contact Jim Fulton for more information at Jim. fulton@comcast.net

Wednesday Soup Suppers in Lent

STRENGTHENING OUR BONDS THROUGH HOSPITALITY IN OUR HOMES

Make an invitation to others to share a meal in your home on any of the five Wednesdays during Lent. Please also let us know who will be joining for your soup suppers. If you can't host, but would like to receive an invitation to a soup supper, contact Liz and Sonia (liz@ oftheredeemer.org or sonia@oftheredeemer.org). A weekly scripture reading and two reflection questions for your time together will be offered.

YOUTH GROUP

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship.

Youth Leadership Team Facilitators are Jordan and Emily Schroeder. Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Hannah Flowers, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

Youth Bouldering Saturday, March 19, 6-8 pm

The youth group (6th-12th grade) will be revisiting the 40,000 square foot gym at the Minneapolis Bouldering Project. Sign up by March 16. We hope you can join us!



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Each year, on Good Friday, we direct our offering toward a local or global outreach ministry. This year's Good Friday offering will support relief efforts in Ukraine administrated by a Minnesota-based ministry called Shepherd's Foundation. Several members of Church of the Redeemer have travelled-to and/or have personal connections in Ukraine through this ministry.

Since the start of the Russian invasion, a camp owned by Shepherd's Foundation has served as a transit hub for refugees. The camp purchased six 10-person vans over the last 7-10 days and are hoping to get two more as soon as possible. Drivers are driving into combat zones in the east, transporting people overnight to the camp, and then transporting them from there to Poland.

Between now and Holy Week, gifts may be given directly to Shepherd's Foundation's relief efforts using this QR code and selecting "Use this donation for Refugee relief." You may also use our offering box to give on Sundays or mail checks to Church of the Redeemer, PO Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113. Please note on your gift that it is for our Good Friday Offering.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Our entry into Holy Week;
the same lips which proclaim
"Hosanna" shout "Crucify him."

Good Friday

Friday, April 15 6:00 p.m.

Through prayers, songs, and other expressions of worship, we will offer thanksgiving for Jesus's sacrifice on our behalf.

Easter Sunday

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Sundays are always feasts of Christ's Resurrection, but Easter Sunday is the GREAT feast day of the Church. Like the first witnesses to the Resurrection, join us in greeting Easter at sunrise. Then, gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ to offer praise and thanksgiving near the close of the day at our 4:30 p.m. service.

Our less-formal sunrise service will be held outdoors, 6:30 a.m., at a local park (location TBA soon), and our 4:30 p.m. service will be held at Calvary and will feature choir, organ, and special music. Opportunities for feast and fellowship will follow each service. Join us in these special times of worship and celebration!

Easter Flower Orders

Placing Easter flowers in the sanctuary is one of the ways we celebrate Easter Sunday at Church of the Redeemer. If you would like to purchase a flower pot, please order using this link.



Best flower selection and early bird prices last until Sunday, March 13 so please order early!

kidCONJECT

Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m. Nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade 4:15 p.m.

Children in these grades engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children.

Contact Sonia or Rachel with questions.

4th - 5th Grade 4:15 p.m.

Echo the Story presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Prayer for Youth & Children

Fridays, 12–12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Use this QR code to sign up for text reminders.



Women of Redeemer Bible Studies

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@ comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

Morning Prayer – Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m

Morning Prayer meets via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable order of service is available using this QR code:



Using Biblical encounters with Jesus to encourage us in our own conversations with God, we will imaginatively explore stories from the Gospels while we listen for and respond to the voice of our Savior.

We will meet at the Leafblads' home (3520 Siems Ct., Arden Hills) on Mar. 26, Apr. 23, & May 21, 9-10 a.m.



Notes

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
March 6, 2022	\$254,654	\$264,000

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