

Third Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM Service

March 7, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Fountain of living water,

Pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 20: 1--17

Pg. 118

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

^{19:1} The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover by them is thy servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1: 18--25

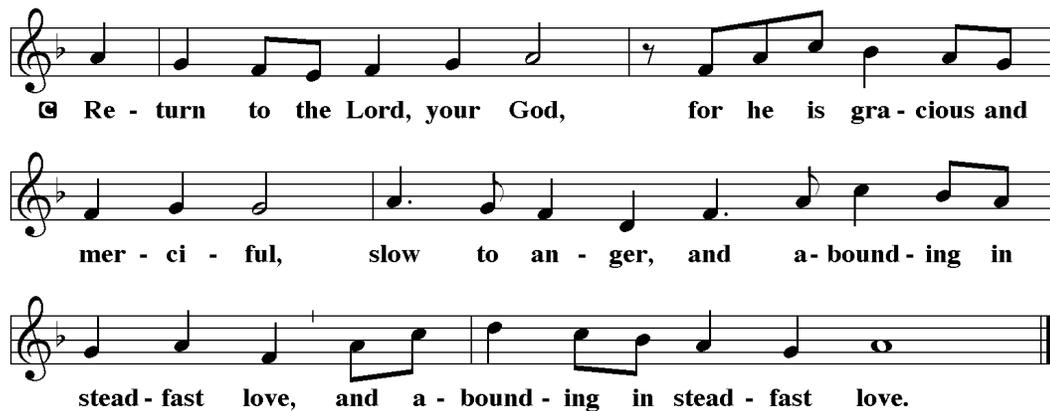
Pg. 1772

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 2: 13--22

Pg. 1648

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 324

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” sts. 1, 2

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God’s only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

***born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we look with hope for his coming again.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



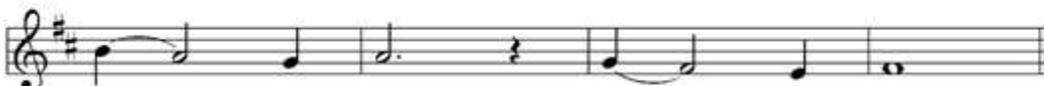
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 peace.

Invitation to Communion

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 483

“Here is Bread” sts. 1,2

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. (**Refrain**)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude