



March 12, 2023
The Third Sunday in Lent
10:45am

Welcome

Opening Songs

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled when strivings cease.
My comforter, my All in All -
here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again.
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Living Waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters
Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

A Penitential Order

Clergy Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit murder. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. **Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.**

Clergy

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy 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 which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which 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.**

Gospel Song

Every Promise

Holy Gospel

John 4: 5-42

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

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

Narrator: Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Give me some water to drink."

Narrator: His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food. The Samaritan woman asked,

Samaritan: "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?"

Narrator: (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.) Jesus responded,

Jesus: "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

Narrator: The woman said to him,

Samaritan: "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

Narrator: The woman said to him,

Samaritan: "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

Narrator: Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

Narrator: The woman replied,

Samaritan: "I don't have a husband."

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,' You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

Narrator: The woman said,

Samaritan: "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but

you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.”

Narrator: Jesus said to her,

Jesus: “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

Narrator: The woman said,

Samaritan: “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.”

Narrator: Jesus said to her,

Jesus: “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

Narrator: Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people,

Samaritan: “Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?”

Narrator: They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus. In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying,

Congregation: **“Rabbi, eat.”**

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.”

Narrator: The disciples asked each other,

Congregation: **“Has someone brought him food?”**

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four more months and then it’s time for harvest?’ Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn’t work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.”

Narrator: Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman,

Congregation: **“We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”**

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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:

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in the other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice.

Silence

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Leyden and their priest, the Rev. Heather Benson, and for the people of St. James Episcopal Church in Pulaski and their priest, the Rev. Shelly Banner. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of South India (United) and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. A. Dharmaraj Rasalam. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud _____. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy:

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

Offertory

Here's My Heart

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Great Thanksgiving Continues

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The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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Clergy Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Communion

Music at Communion

Behold the Lamb

The Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

Our God

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

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Out of the ashes we rise
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Our God is greater
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Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
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Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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