

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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Setting Ten

The psalm sets the tone this day:

“Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have
“become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus.

Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has
“rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times.

Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son.
Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.

Rejoice!

Prelude



Confession and forgiveness

P. In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection. You may sit, stand or kneel for the Confession.

P. Holy One,

C. we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen

P. Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

The Greeting

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

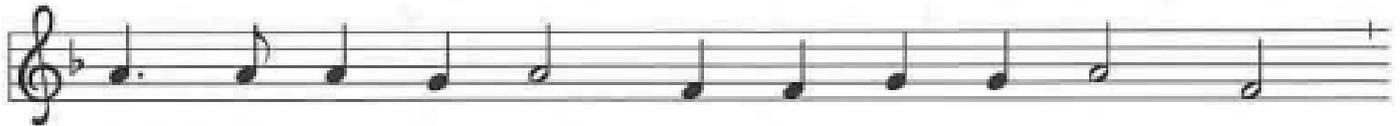
C. And also with you.



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
 set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
 help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
 that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing
 that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
 that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us
 cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
 ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Back of Bulletin

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Blessed Is The One Whose Sin Is Covered

Psalm 32

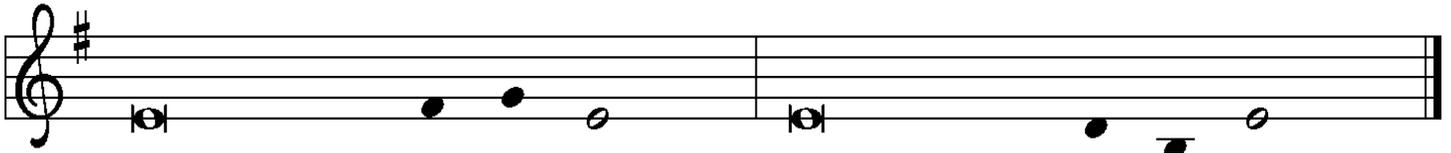


Psalmody

Psalm 32

(ELW tone 8)

chanted responsively



Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation (2x)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.



P. The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter fifteen.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.

Hymn of the Day*We Pray for Peace*

We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,
as once again, we face a time of war.

The meek and humble try – amid the crisis –
to love and build, to nurture and restore.

May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us –
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters –
who stilled the storm who stilled disciples' fear.
You spoke with love and with amazing power,
be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer –
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
may love and mercy be our highest aims.



The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

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

He will come again 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

Prayers of Intercession

A. Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer

P. Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

The Offering

Anthem

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace ~ H. Helvey

Choir

Offertory

As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Offertory Prayer

A. Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right . . .

GIVE
thanks
with a
GRATEFUL
heart

The Sanctus



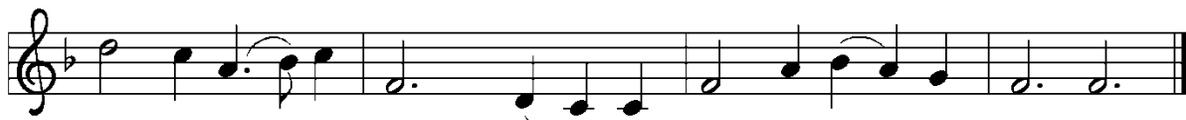
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Invitation to Communion

P. Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

C. Amen.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns



Our Father, We Have Wandered
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 606
ELW 608
ELW 779

Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be,"

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!"

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;"

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign."

Post Communion Prayer

A. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C. Amen.

The Blessing

P. You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

You Are Mine

ELW 581

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

*After Worship Fellowship this week
provided by Steve Brantley, Rita Clark,
Barbara Kyles, and Sylvia Lambert.*



Servers for Sunday, March 27th

Assisting Minister Julie Bogle
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Barbara Kyles
Greeters / Counters Tim Clark / Sarah Watkins
Acolyte Antonio Smith

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 14, Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15th at 12:00 pm, Stations of the Cross
(outside, weather permitting)

Good Friday, April 15th at 7:00 pm, Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 17st at 6:30 am
Sunrise Service in Outdoor Chapel followed by coffee,
donuts, & sausage biscuits in the fellowship hall
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion



Please join us each Wednesday during Lent for a simple supper
at 6:30 pm. followed by a Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

- Mar 28 7:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting
- Mar 30 5:45 pm Chime Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Simple Supper
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
 7:30 pm Choir Practice
- Apr 1 7:00 pm Men's Group Meeting
- Apr 3 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service – 5th Sunday in Lent
- Apr 6 5:45 pm Chime Choir Practice
 6:30 pm Simple Supper
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Apr 9 5-7:00 pm **Relay for Life Fundraiser** – in Fellowship Hall

- Silent Auction - Start looking for your treasures to donate NOW
- Reverse Raffle - 75 cards will be available for a \$5 donation; numbers will be called one at a time, the last 2 cards on the board will be a \$10 prize for second to last, and \$50 prize for the last card on the board
- Delicious Ole Time Barbecue sandwiches for sale



Apr 10 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am Worship Service –

