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John 4:13-14

Third Sunday in Lent

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Setting Five

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

New Members

Brian Stone
Amanda Hempel-Stone

Welcome!!

Installation of Council Members and Officers

Confession and forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. .

C. Amen.

P. Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

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

Holy God,

C. **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

P. Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn



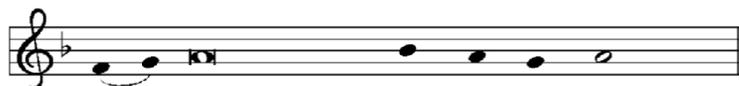
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The Greeting

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.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

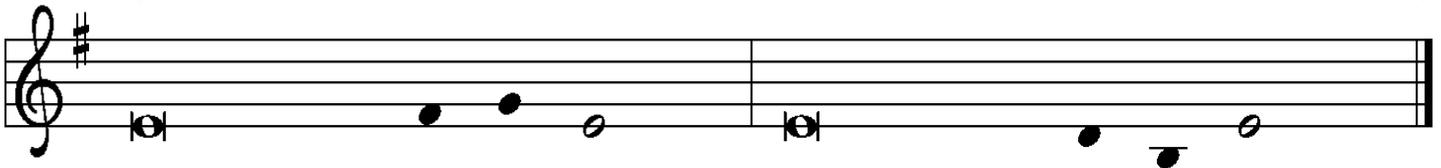


Psalmody

Psalm 95

(ELW Tone 8)

chanted responsively



Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours.**

The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

**Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹ of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would ¹ hear God's voice!

**"Harden ¹ not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah ¹ in the desert.**

There your ancestors¹ tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had¹ seen my works.

**Forty years I loathed that gener-¹ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not¹ know my ways.'**

Indeed I swore¹ in my anger,
'They shall never come¹ to my rest.'"

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11

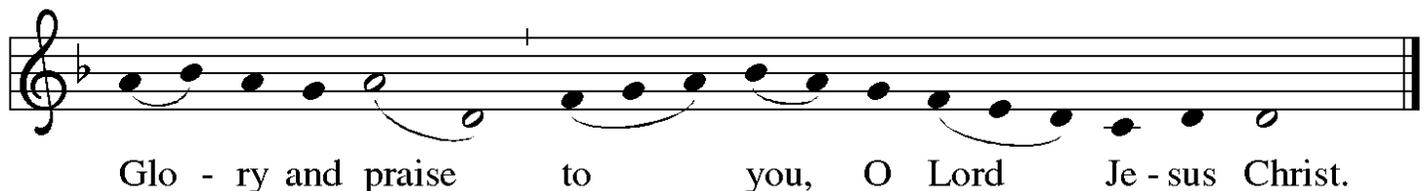
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter four.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 4:7-26

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you

get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor

Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women vs. 1, 3, 5 thru 8

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Affirmation of Faith (Inspired by the words of Isaiah 58)

We believe in a God who chooses freedom,
who unties every rope and carries our burdens.
We believe in a God who ushers in the poor and the hungry,
who has a seat saved for all of us.
We believe in a God whose love is like the sun,
who says, "I'm here, I'm here!" every time we cry.
We believe in a God who walks before us in the parched places,
who rescues our bones, who tends to us like a gardener.
And because we believe,
we strive to choose love.
Because we believe,
we strive to pursue justice.
Because we believe . . .

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

A. Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love.

Merciful God,

C. **receive our prayer.**

P. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~arr. L. Larson

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.

Refrain

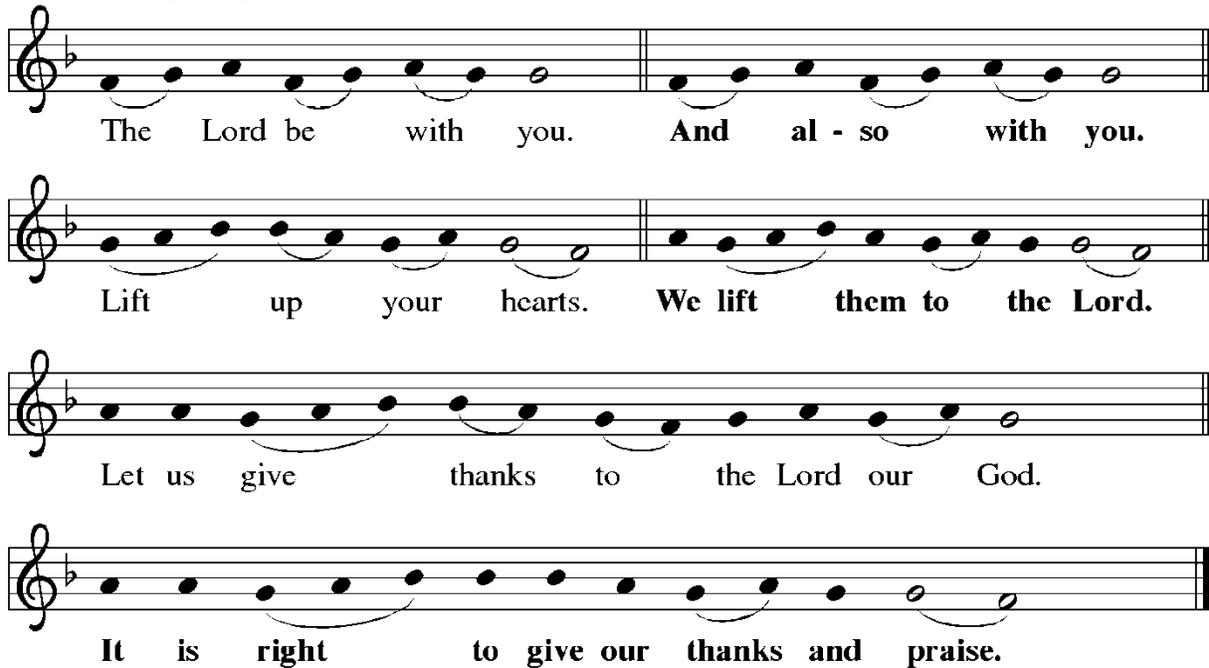


Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of good gifts, receive these all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

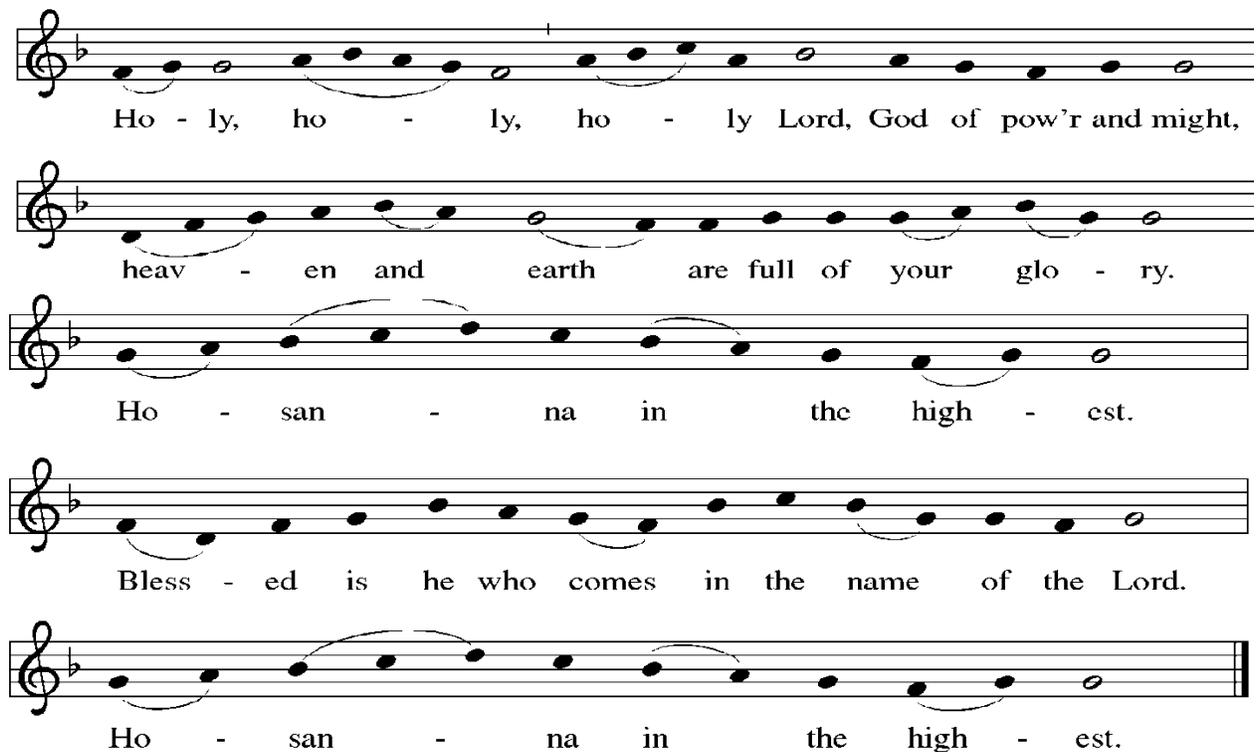
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed.....

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

Lenten Eucharistic Prayer

(We sing)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen

Invitation to Communion

P. Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C. Amen.

Lamb of God

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. A - men.

Communion Hymns

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW 658

Now We Remain

ELW 500

Eat This Bread

ELW 472



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.

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;

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

Post Communion Prayer

A. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C. Amen.

The Blessing

P. God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Serve in love.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, March 12th

Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Grace Barnes
Acolyte Antonio Smith



Candles for the month of March are given by Sheryll Albert in honor of Harry and his family.

Easter Lilies

A sign-up sheet for Easter Lilies is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The cost per Lily will be \$7.



CHURCH CALENDAR



Mar 12 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 3rd Sunday in Lent
11:30 am **Council Meeting**

Mar 15 6:00 pm Simple Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice



Mar 18 9 am – 2:30 **NC SWO Ladies 1-Day Retreat**
- Becoming a Butterfly

Mar 19 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 4th Sunday in Lent

Mar 22 6:00 pm Simple Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice



Mar 26 9:00 am Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service – 5th Sunday in Lent

Mar 29 6:00 pm Simple Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice

