

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

**PRELUDE** "Lenten Meditation" by Gerald Peterson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

## **GATHERING HYMN 323 (1,5) "God Loved the World"**

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave  
his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe  
should everlasting life receive.
- 5 All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

### **KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of  
shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the  
cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of  
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### **READING: Psalm 22:23–31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25–27 (NRSV)**

<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 802 (1,4) "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the  
baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers  
joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their  
faith. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to  
microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at  
your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O  
God, **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice  
within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into  
existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us, O God, **Your  
mercy is great.**

**P:** In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the  
depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in  
body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring  
vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression  
(*especially*). Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

**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.**

## **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for  
the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **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**

**COMMUNION POSTLUDE "Jesus, I Come" Arr. by Lani Smith**