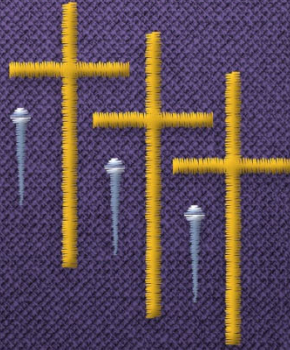


# THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

March 7, 2021



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### Hymn ~ 981 *To Your Temple, Lord, I Come*

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come, / For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place, / Here I see my Savior's face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled, / I through Him become Your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace / In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung, / Touch my lips, unloose my tongue  
That my joyful soul may bless / Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 4 While the prayers of saints ascend, / God of love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; / Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law, / Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me / Life and immortality.
- 6 While Your ministers proclaim / Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I / Hear You speaking from the sky.
- 7 From Your house when I return, / May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say, / "I have walked with God today."

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9*

For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.  
Deliver me from sinking in the mire;  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.  
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,  
or the pit close its mouth over me.  
Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading ~ Exodus 20:1-17

*After the reading:*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.  
<sup>4</sup>Their measuring line 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,  
<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the just decrees of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## Epistle ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*After the reading:*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel ~ John 2:13-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn ~ 579 *The Law of God Is Good and Wise***

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise / And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness, / And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts / The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate / And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found / And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight / And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain / God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds / And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall / Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die / And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, / Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne, / Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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### **Sermon ~ "My Father's House" John 2:13-22**

#### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

**Offering** (*Online giving is available on the website.*)

#### **Offertory**

*LSB 159*

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**  
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**  
**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**  
**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

LSB 160

- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
- Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

- C **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.**

## **Pax Domini**

LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **Distribution (in the Sanctuary)**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 165

- C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**  
**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**  
**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

- A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

LSB 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

### **Hymn ~ 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, / With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face / To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know, / His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show / Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise / And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise / The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, / Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word / Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.
- D 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, / In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, / Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son, / And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone, / Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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