

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16 & 17, 2019

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Jesus weeps. His heart is broken. He longs to gather God's children together. Like the prophets of old, He laments over the unbelief He sees in the place where saving faith should be most evident: Jerusalem. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem. . . . How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" (Luke 13:34). Both back in the day and in our own day, many people refuse to be gathered to Jesus, even as He willingly and mercifully offers His life for all. This reality breaks Jesus' heart, and it should break ours also. Nevertheless, there is good news: the rejection of the multitudes never deters the faithfulness of our Savior. He is relentless in His pursuit of sinners, longing to see them in the place where He gathers us in grace and fills us with forgiveness. That place is right here! Right here and now, Jesus invites you to come to Him. So we gather together as the children of God under the wings of our living and loving Savior!

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

Charles Callahan

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

5:00 **883** All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

8:30 **873** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

People: **You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Leader: Lord God, our Father, hear the spoken prayers of Your gathered children.

People: **We have turned away from You when we should be turning toward You. Forgive us, heavenly Father. We have run from You when we should be running to You. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus. We have rejected Your grace when we should be receiving it. Cleanse us of our sin, Spirit of truth. Draw us again to the cross, where You died for us, so that we be gathered into Your presence and covered with Your forgiveness. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

KYRIE

945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Cantor



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength to come to You. By Your mighty power and glorious grace, gather us into Your presence and shield us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

(The prophet calls God's people to mend their ways and obey the voice of the Lord.)

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1

(Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await a Savior.)

¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

¹ Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

8:30 "Have You Not Known"

K. Lee Scott

1 *Have you not known? Have you not heard?*

Has it not been told you that the everlasting God dwells on high in starry splendor?

His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

Refrain:

They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;

They shall walk and never faint.

2 *To whom will God, the Lord, compare?*

Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heavens,

By his power he e'er sustains them.

Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. But... (Refrain)

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- 3 *Then why complain, O Israel? Why downcast, O Jacob?
Do you think he does not see? Is your way now disregarded?
His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure. (Refrain)*
- 4 *Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God neither tires nor grows weary?
E'en youths shall stumble helplessly, the young grow weak and faint. But...
(Refrain)*

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

(Jesus longs to gather the Lord's children together.)

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.

- 5 **My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**
- 7 **O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

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.

OFFERING

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

setting by Thomas Keesecker

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+ + + Special Intercessions + + +

Each concluding: **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS (*Tune: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*)

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, O God of love and might,
Your glory brightens ev'ry day. Your majesty each night.
Hosanna to our reigning Lord, Hosanna to our King.
Hosanna to our Savior dear. To You our praise we bring.**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 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 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (*Tune: Were You There?*)

Lamb of God, all our sins you take away

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Oh.....Grant us, O Lamb of God, your mercy, mercy, mercy.

Gracious Lamb, with your mercy bless us now.

If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.

When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 725** Children of the Heavenly Father
708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
537 Beautiful Savior

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh to gather Your wandering children together, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 + give you peace.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

543 What Wondrous Love Is This

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in D Minor”

Gaston Belier

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:
Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30 a.m.	Orval Mueller
	11:00 a.m.	Norman Meyer
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Connie Scott
	11:00 a.m.	Ken Gerler
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Diego Dominguez
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary Oliver
Choir:	8:30 a.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Jen Schmidt	
Organist:	Ryan Meyer	
Accompanists:	Carolyn Rusnak & Ryan Meyer	
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag	