

✠ The Third Sunday in Lent ✠
March 7–8, 2026

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am ✠

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O God, we give You glory because Your mercy does not change. Be gracious to all who have gone astray and turned to their own ways, and bring them again with repentant hearts and steadfast faith to embrace the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Introit**

“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love”

Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o’er our race, Still to man extends His grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made, All is by His scepter swayed;
What are we that He should show So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, Bought us with the Savior’s blood,
And, to make our safety sure, Guides us by His Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His name; Let His glory be Thy theme;
Praise Him till He calls thee home, Trust His love for all to come.

Anon., 1800

Announcements

Opening Hymn

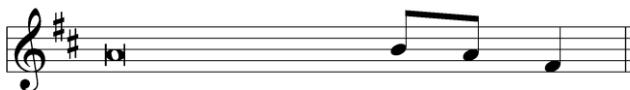
“What Wondrous Love Is This” *LSB 543*

Versicles

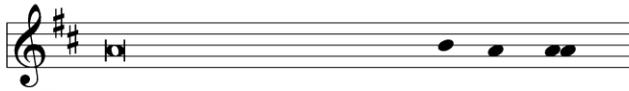
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Lent Antiphon

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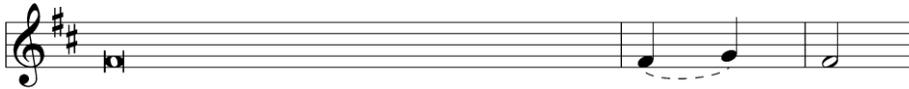
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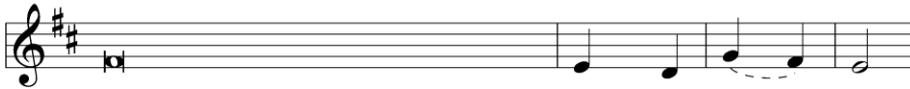
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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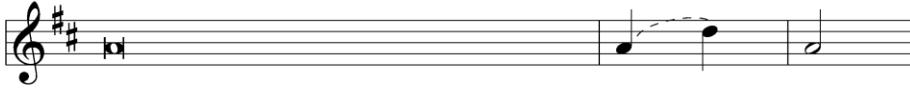


- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

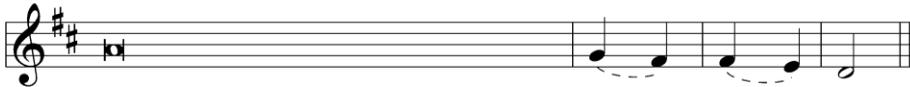


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Lent Antiphon

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L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the LORD said to Moses,

“Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00, 11:00) Choral Response

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.
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Horatius Bonar

Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Offering (*received during Canticle*)

(5:00, 9:30) **Canticle**

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel” *LSB 936*

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Canticle**

“Benedictus Deus Israel”

Herbert Howells

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people,
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of His servant David.
As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers and to remember His holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which He swore to our forefather Abraham that He would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest for thou shalt go before the face of
the Lord to prepare His ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the remission
of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the day-spring from on high hath
visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our
feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen. *Luke 1:68-79*

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Sermon**

(11:00) **Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Thompson**

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died” *LSB 429*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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**Preacher
Liturgist**

Pastor Thompson

(5:00) **Pastor Wade**

(8:00, 11:00) **Pastor Schudde**

(5:00) **Jacob Diercks**

(8:00) **Paul Blessing**

(9:30) **Jordan Fasnacht**

(11:00) **William Jackson**

Assisting Seminarian

**Choir
Organist**

**St. Paul’s Intergenerational Choir
Kantor Gerhardt**

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