

Third Sunday in
LENT



Worship at Good News

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent (beginning on Ash Wednesday) is a forty day journey until Easter Sunday. Our worship's focus follows our Savior on his way to the cross. Lent can be an overwhelming season when we think about the guilt of our sins. But that is not the goal of this season. The goal is to get us to look at Jesus and all he did to save us from those sins. Let that be your focus and comfort this Lenten season.



Our use of ashes

We have used ashes to help remind us of the seriousness of our sins. The wages of sin is death and our time on this earth is short. The ashes on the cloth on the cross are a visual reminder throughout the season of Lent of the only resolution of our sin. The sins of the whole world were laid on Jesus who gave his life as the perfect sacrifice and payment for all of them. Your sins are forgiven because Jesus died on the cross for you. All of our worship service reminds us of this beautiful truth of God's love and forgiveness.

Today's worship

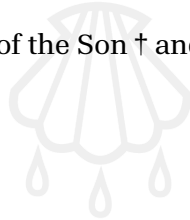
Join us throughout the season of Lent as we continue worship in the theme: "The Road to Calvary Is a Collision Course." As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem as our substitute and Savior, there are numerous obstacles along the way. Today we hear how Jesus faced obstacles even among his own disciples who did not understand the way of suffering. God's word and God's promises give his followers a different view of suffering and strength for the crosses of a Christian's life.

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

Group: Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP FOR LENT

Based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God,

who has done a new thing.

We rejoice in our God,

who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God,

who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ;

we proclaim his praise.

Let us worship our God who went to Calvary.

We praise God for his grace that has saved us.



OPENING HYMN *Open, Lovely Doors*

Christian Worship 912 sts 1-2 (3)



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me



house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence



more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,



glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

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Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Most holy and merciful Father,

**We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault,
by our own grievous fault 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 and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

forgive us, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

forgive us, Lord.

For what we think or say or do that is against your will,

forgive us, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Open Lovely Doors

Christian Worship 921 sts 3

**3 You deserve my deepest rev'rence;
 sanctify me through and through.
 Let my worship in your presence
 clearly show my love for you.
 Lord of mercy, hear my cry:
 lift my heart to you on high!**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word of God

FIRST LESSON *Exodus 20:1-17*

Our desire to follow God's laws is based on the relationship he has lovingly formed with us.

¹And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The preaching that points to Christ crucified seems foolish and weak, but it is really God's wisdom and strength.

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

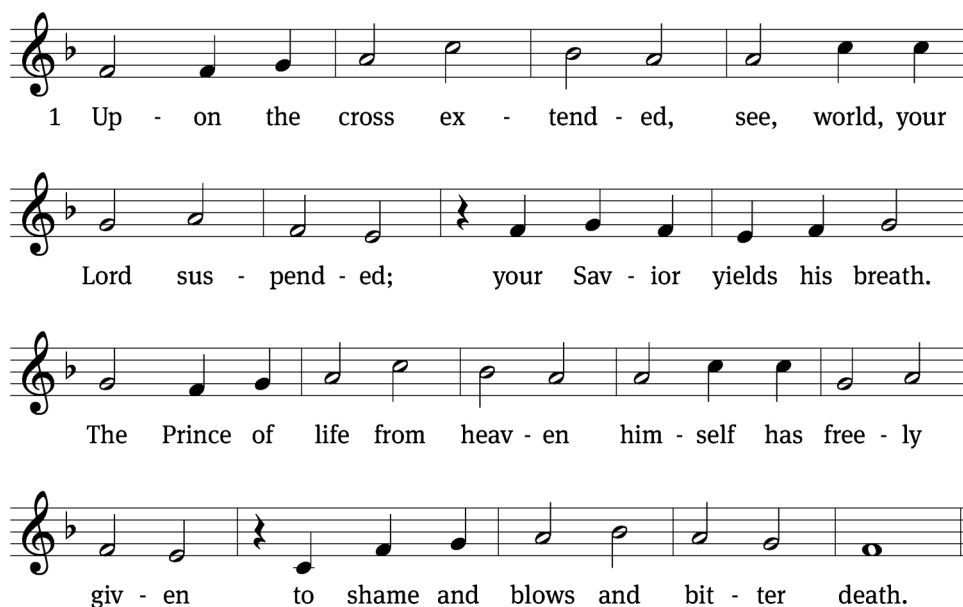
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 2:17*

Christian Worship 434 Upon the Cross Extended sts 1

His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your

Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.

The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly

giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.

Text: tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.
Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517

GOSPEL *John 2:13-22*

Just as the cross was necessary for Jesus, it is necessary for each person who follows him.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians throughout the world have joined in confessing their faith in the one true God using these words since the 4th century.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

His Robes for Mine



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
 3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
 God's daunt-ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.



I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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SERMON

Exodus 20, 1 Corinthians 1, John 2

THE ROAD TO CALVARY IS A COLLISION COURSE →



← AGAINST INTUITIONAL WISDOM



OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERTORY

The members of Good News have joined together to do our Savior's work in this community and around the world. Our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.

Electronic offering available through Vanco using the QR code.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

O Lord, in these days of Lent set our minds on the things of God rather than the things of man. Strengthen us through your Word to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow your Son through this life into the joys of his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, you have given your Church the joy of proclaiming the truth that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We have been justified by his blood and saved from the punishment for our sins. Grant all who preach and teach this saving truth the gifts of your Spirit to proclaim this boldly and faithfully, and help us to confess it in word and deed in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to your people in their God-given roles and places in life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, you rule over the nations, we pray you would bless our president, governor and all those who serve us in your stead, that we may be ruled wisely and in accord with your will. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously help those for whom we pray. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of your Son who taught us to pray:

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.

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,

bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:24-26; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

RECEPTION OF LORD'S SUPPER

In separate family groups, our members come forward to receive Lord's Supper. Guests and children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

After Holy Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-24

The Lord bless you and keep you.

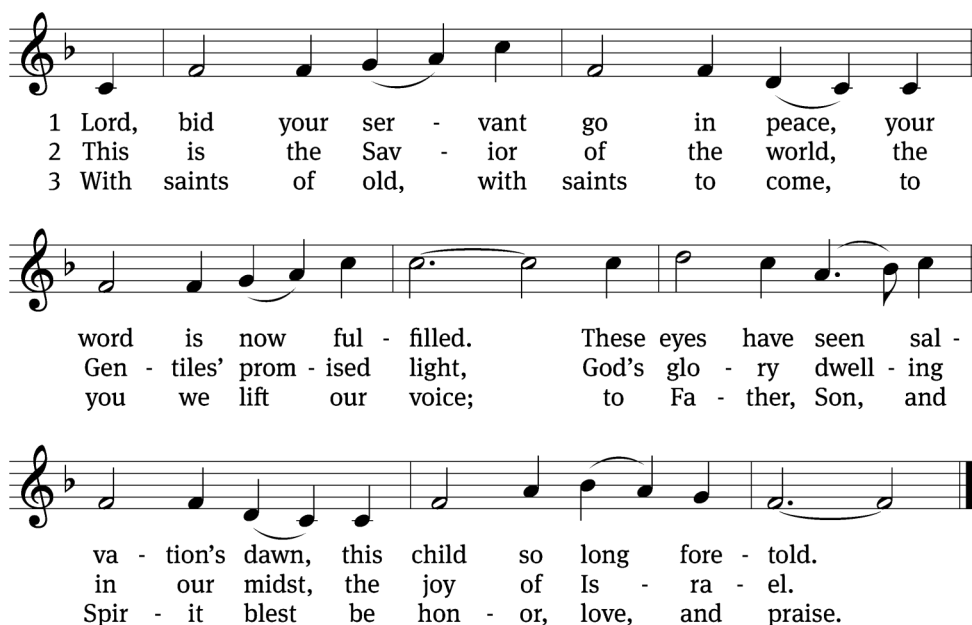
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace*

Christians Worship 950



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the
3 With saints of old, with saints to come, to

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
you we lift our voice; to Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest be hon - or, love, and praise.

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Join us on the journey to the cross

Good News Worship in Lent



MIDWEEK LENT	Mar 06, 6 pm supper after
NEXT SUNDAY	Mar 10, 9 am <i>God so Loved the World. Why?</i>
PALM SUNDAY	Mar 24, 9 am
HOLY THURSDAY	Mar 28, 7 pm
GOOD FRIDAY	Mar 29, 7 pm
EASTER SUNDAY	Mar 31, 9 am Easter brunch after



Rest for your soul in a tiresome world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our guests for coming and checking out this incredible truth we simply call the Good News. On this day we have had the privilege of sharing this clear message of God's love and forgiveness. We are happy to have you here.

We hope you have found a place you also love to come to hear a message of peace, encouragement and comfort. If you would like more information about our congregation, please fill out one of the connection cards. You can leave connection cards on your chair or on the back table or hand it to our pastor.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and the simple message of God's love in the Bible, we regularly offer a course of study about basic Bible truths — "Forgiven." Pastor can also find a time that works with your schedule.

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP

This Wednesday, March 6, we have our second midweek Lent worship service. Similar to Ash Wednesday this is a great opportunity to invite friends to a special service and learn a little more about this season of Lent. It is a time for us to consider the great cost of our sin, the great love of our Savior, and what he suffered so we would know we are forgiven. Devotion is at 6 pm followed by a pizza supper. Please let Pastor know if you are planning on attending so we can plan for the pizza order.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible study series today Sunday, March 3 at 10:10 am

"Romans: Triumph in the Gospel" The city of Rome is known as the eternal city. Paul's letter to the Romans is a beautiful explanation of the eternal gospel. If you would like to know more about all of God's word, and especially about this letter of Paul, join us Sundays in the New Year. Bible study concludes today, March 3.

