

Septuagesima

February 1, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #761: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**
P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

A moment of silent reflection

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5-6a

L: The cords of Sheol entangled me;
C: **the snares of death confronted me.**
L: In my distress I called upon the LORD.
C: **From His temple He heard my voice.**
L: I love You, O LORD, my strength.
C: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.**
L: For You save a humble people,
C: **but the haughty eyes You bring down.**
L: [You have] equipped me with strength
C: **and made my way blameless.**
L: For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations,
C: **and sing to Your name.**

**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.**

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV)

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?"

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5 (ESV)

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

Hymn #703: How Can I Thank You, Lord

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have given us so many gifts of worldly goods and resources, but Your greatest gift to us is Jesus, who came to give us eternal life with You, through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Help us to see in Him that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive, that we may not hoard for ourselves either worldly goods or the message of the Gospel, but rather freely share them so that others too can know the blessing of Your Fatherly love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer (10:45)

(10:45) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(8:00) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #637: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
2. #631: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
3. #686: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nunc Dimitis (*stand to sing*)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #790: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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