Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

With One Voice: Holy Communion, Setting 6



Prayer of preparation:

Lord Jesus, walk with us during these 40 days of Lent. Be near to us in our struggles against temptation, and let us find our strength in you. Bless this time of worship for your Name's sake. Amen.

Pre-Service Music

"The Cross at Gethsemane" (Sharon Elery Rogers)
Handbell Choir

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- **P** Gracious God,
- **Q** we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.

Forgive us and bring us back to you,

For we once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power

of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

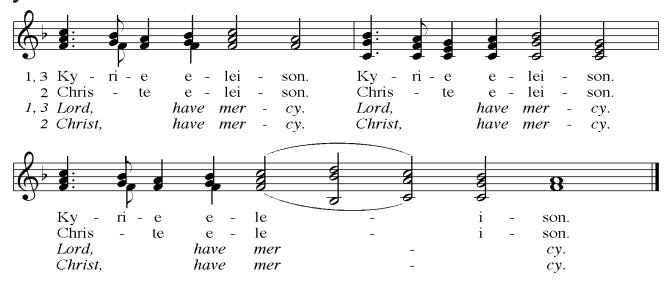
G Amen.



Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend 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.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

I This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 22:23-31

- I You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,* and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
- For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his | face from him,* but has heard, when he | cried to him.
- **I** From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;* my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
- The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!* May your hearts live for- | ever!
- L All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
- For kingship belongs | to the LORD,* and he rules over the | nations.
- L All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;* before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
- Posterity shall | serve him;*
 it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- L they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,* that he has | done it.

Epistle ReadingRomans 5:1-11

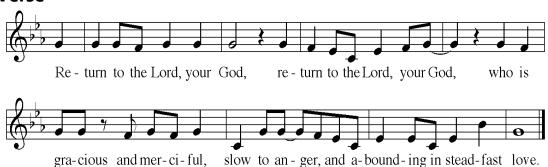
¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-38

Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture And consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and

follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



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Profession of Faith The Nicene Creed

© We believe in one God, the Father 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ⅓ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season of Lent each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond by saying: "Hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

- P Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the One in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

- L Let us pray. God our provider,
- you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

 Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

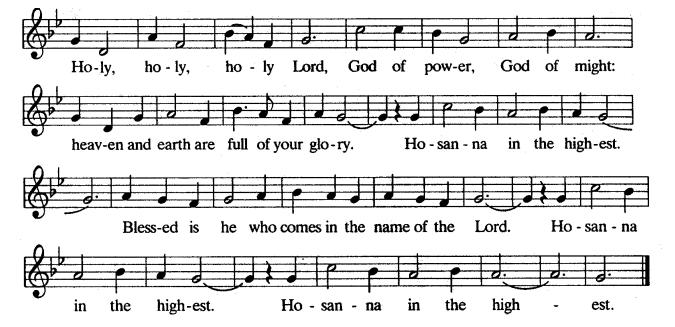
Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them up to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

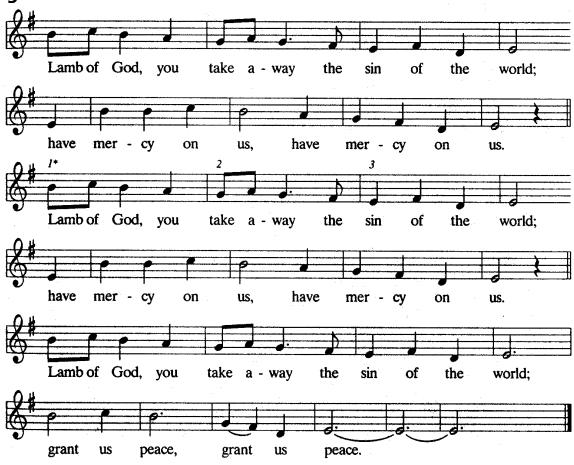
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses

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.

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

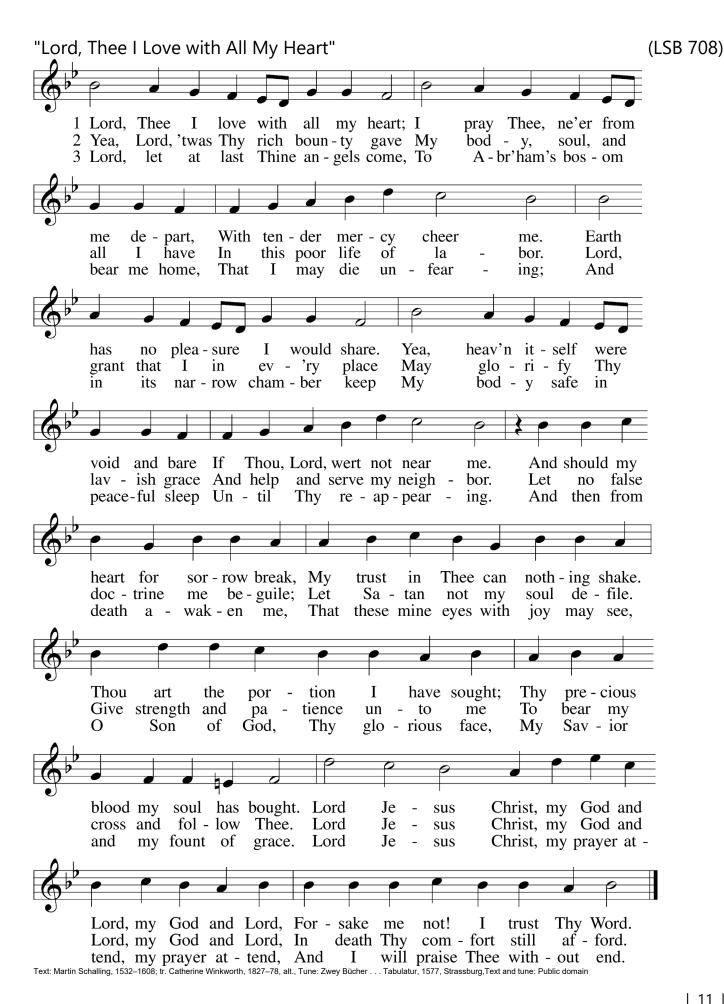
For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

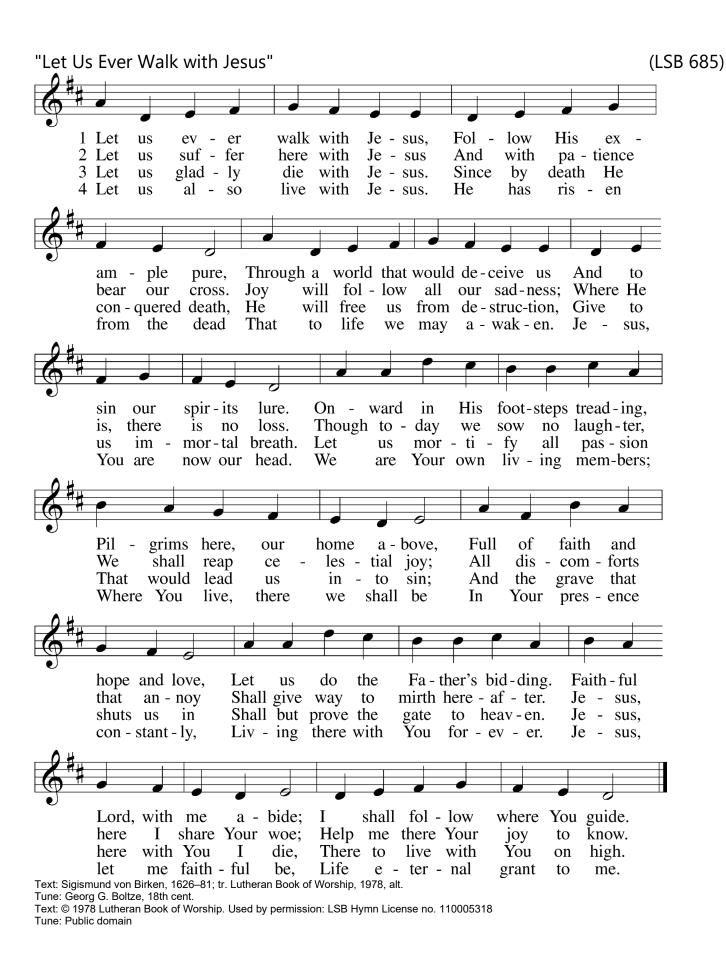
Music at the Distribution

Handbell Choir

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (Lloyd Larson)

(Distribution Music, next page)





Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L Let us pray: Merciful God,
- accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of Baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

- C Amen.

Sending

- **I** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Postlude

"Five-Part Fantasia in C Minor" (J. S. Bach)

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2024 Lenten Worship Schedule

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Sundays, Lenten Worship Services

10:30AM* - Holy Communion February 25, March 3, 10, 17, and 24

Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship

Noon* - Holy Communion February 28, March 6, 13, 20, and 27

Thursdays, Lenten Bible Study with Compline

7:45PM - Zoom Class online ONLY (not recorded) February 29, March 7, 14, and 21

Sunday, March 24

10:30AM* - Palm/Passion Sunday (Holy Communion)

Thursday, March 28

7:30PM* - Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion and stripping of the altar)

Friday, March 29

Noon* & 7:30PM - Good Friday (No Communion)

Saturday, March 30

7:30PM - Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter (Holy Communion)

Sunday, March 31

8:00AM & 10:30AM* - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday (Holy Communion)

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between worship services



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