



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**

**Divine Setting Three**

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

*HYMN OF INVOCATION*

**545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
  
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die,  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.
  
- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
Heal the world, by sin now broken.
  
- 4 Word that speaks God's tender love,  
One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above,  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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***(Stand)***

***(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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

***(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)***

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*INTROIT*

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

- A** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after: \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble; \*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me  
high up- | on a rock.  
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around  
me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy; \*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

*KYRIE*

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**(Sit)**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 42:14–21

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,

who trust in carved idols,  
 who say to metal images,  
 "You are our gods."  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
 and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
 or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
 Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
 or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
 his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
 to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL*

Hebrews 12:2

**A** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
 the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
 despis- | ing the shame,\*  
 and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

*EPISTLE*

Ephesians 5:8–14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in  
 the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in  
 all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is  
 pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of  
 darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to  
 speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is  
 exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that  
 becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 9:1–41

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees

said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.



<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### *NICENE CREED*

**C** 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.**

***(Sit)***

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

*Michael Yurk, D.C.E.*

*HYMN OF THE DAY*

**873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise;  
Triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;

Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

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*SERMON He Is Coming to Save Us from Our Sins, for Him*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

- A** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to

know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, especially Don, Dotty, Eddie, Carolyn, Lynn, Jason, Geoff, Jim, Wanda, Deb, Jerry & Karen, Andrew, Charlene, Ken, and Carolyn, that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

OFFERING     *“Wayfaring Stranger”*     DeCesare  
                  Lois Ford, Flute     Marty Schubert, Oboe

**(Stand)**

OFFERTORY     LSB 192

- C**    **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.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

PREFACE     LSB 194

- P**    The Lord be with you.  
**C**    **And with thy spirit.**
- P**    Lift up your hearts.  
**C**    **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P**    Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C**    **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P**    It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS     LSB 195

- C**    **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**  
      **heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**  
      **Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
      **Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

LSB 196

**☩** 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 197

**P** 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*PAX DOMINI*

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**☩** Amen.

**(Sit)**

## *DISTRIBUTION*

### *DISTRIBUTION HYMN*

#### **551 When to Our World the Savior Came**

- 1 When to our world the Savior came  
The sick and helpless heard His name,  
And in their weakness longed to see  
The healing Christ of Galilee.
  
- 2 That good physician! Night and day  
The people thronged about His way;  
And wonder ran from soul to soul,  
“The touch of Christ has made us whole!”
  
- 3 His praises then were heard and sung  
By opened ears and loosened tongue,  
While lightened eyes could see and know  
The healing Christ of long ago.
  
- 4 Of long ago: yet living still,  
Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;  
Who triumphed over cross and grave,  
His healing hands stretched forth to save.
  
- 5 His sov’rign purpose still remains  
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;  
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise,  
The healing Christ of all our days.

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**(Stand)**

*NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
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.

*THANKSGIVING*

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*SALUTATION*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

*BENEDICAMUS*

- P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.



## *BENEDICTION*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious  
unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and †give you  
peace.
- C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## *CLOSING HYMN*

### **420 Christ, the Life of All the Living**

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee  
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,  
O Thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver  
From the bonds of sin forever.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only  
That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,  
Treating Thee with shameful scorn  
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,  
That as Thine Thou mightest own me  
And with heav'nly glory crown me.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,  
That from pain I might be free;  
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:  
Thence I gain security;  
Comfortless Thy soul did languish  
Me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
And hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
Fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
I will thank Thee evermore,  
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,

For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
For that last triumphant cry,  
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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**✠ THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN. ✠**

**✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠  
✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠**

#### **THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

Preacher	Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.
Children's Message	Mr. Michael Yurk, D.C.E.
Music Director	Mr. Michael Neas, M.M.
Acolyte	Everett Fretwell
Lector	Kim Neas
Communion Assistant	Tim Leech

*The chancel flowers today have been placed by the Kappel Family in  
celebration of Matthew's birthday.*

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**Pastor Kappel's Sermons** <https://anchor.fm/marc86>

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