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Order of Service

Lent 4 Service

March 14, 2021

Remember Your Offerings



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Call to Worship •

[Psalm 122:1 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God of mercy who suffered through the challenges of human life for us and forgives us all our sins. Though we are by nature dead in sin, may we always be strengthened by the knowledge that He saved us by His grace—His undeserved love—for us.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me,

CONGREGATION 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

Hymn • "Come, Holy Ghost, in Love"

ELH 11 vs. 1, 2, 5

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, in love Shed on us from a - bove
 2. Come, ten - d'rest Friend and best, Our most de - light - ful Guest,
 3. Come, all the faith - ful bless; Let all who Christ con - fess

Thine own bright ray. Di - vine - ly good Thou art; Thy sac - red
 With sooth - ing pow'r. Rest which the wea - ry know, Shade mid the
 His praise em - ploy. Give vir - tue's rich re - ward, Vic - tor - ious

gifts im - part To glad - den each sad heart. O come to - day!
 noon - tide glow, Peace when deep griefs o'er - flow, Cheer us this hour.
 death ac - cord And, with our glor - ious Lord, Et - er - nal life!

-Stand-

Confession and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

☞ *In the Name of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:*

☞ **Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.**

☞ *Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!*

☞ **For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.**

☞ *Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.*

☞ **Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.**

☞ *O Lord, open my lips;*

☞ **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☞ **Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.**

☞ *Lift up your hearts in joy! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and at the end will bring those who believe in Him to everlasting life.*

Peace ☩ be with you.

Lenten Season Hymn

[text: "New Office Hymn Book" (1908) alt. • tune: CW 125]



1. O mer - ci - ful Cre - a - tor, hear! Ac - cept the pray'r and see the tear,
 2. The num - ber of our sins is great, But pi - ty us in our poor state.
 3. Blest Three- in- One, and One- in- Three, We pray to You, blest Trin - i - ty,

Which toward Your Mer - cy Seat is sent In this most ho - ly time of Lent.
 And, for Your name's sake, Lord, make whole The faint - ing and the wea - ry soul.
 That in this time of for - ty days, We med - i - tate and sing Your praise.

Prayer of the Day

☞ *Dear Heavenly Father, we confess that we were by nature dead in sin. Without You, we would surely still be on the side of the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Thank You for making us alive with Your Son, Jesus. Help us to hold on to Your gospel truth that it is by grace we have been saved, so that we may experience the joys of heaven with You forever.*

☞ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.**

-Be seated-

First Lesson • Numbers 21:4-9



Even when God's people, the Israelites, are receiving the justified punishment for their complaining, God is merciful and gives them gracious healing.

[As the Israelites were traveling through the wilderness,] the people became very impatient along the way. ⁷The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have

you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!"

⁶The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

⁸The Lord said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." ⁹Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (EHV)

Ⓟ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

🙏 **Thanks be to God!**

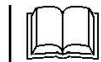
Psalm Hymn • Psalm 32

[text: E.L. King, 1834 • tune: ELH 257]

1. He's blest, whose sins have par - don gained, No more in judg - ment to ap - pear;
 2. No soon - er I my wound dis - closed, The guilt that tor - tured me with - in,
 3. Sor - rows on sor - rows mul - ti - plied, The hard - ened sin - ner shall con - found;

Whose guilt re - mis - sion has ob - tained, And whose re - pent - ance is sin - cere.
 But Your for - give - ness in - ter - posed, And mer - cy's heal - ing balm poured in.
 But them who in His truth con - fide, Bless - ings of mer - cy shall sur - round.

Second Lesson • Ephesians 2:1–10



God saved spiritually dead sinners like us, by graciously dying for us. Now He sends us out into this world to do His good works out of joy.

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, ²in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey.

³Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God's wrath.

⁴But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! ⁶He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. ⁷He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them. (EHV)

☞ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

📢 **Thanks be to God!**

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation •

[Psalm 106:2, 4, (EHV)]

☞ *Who can tell about the mighty deeds of the LORD?*

📢 **Who can cause all his praise to be heard?**

☞ *Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people.*

📢 **Visit me with your salvation.**

Gospel • John 3:14–21

God's grace—His undeserved love for us—is shown by His great act of giving. He gave His only-begotten Son to die for us, so we could become His sons and daughters through faith.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed.

²¹But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.” (EHV)

Ⓟ *Here ends the Gospel.*

📌 **Thanks be to God!**

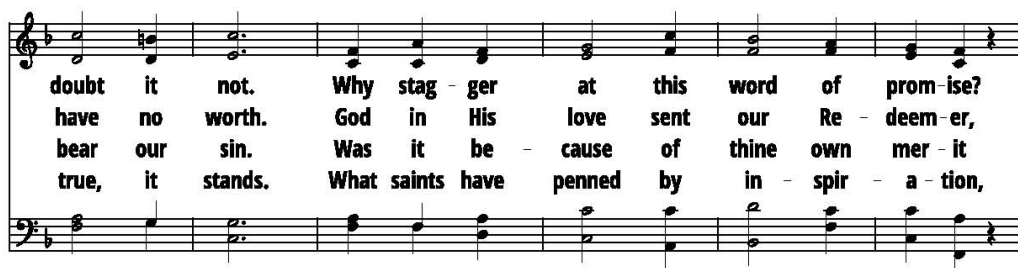
-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “By Grace I’m Saved”

[ELH 226]



1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul be - lieve and
 2. By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 4. By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 5. By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; So long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of thine own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spir - a - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No; then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died thy soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, What our whole faith must



true re - main: By grace thou, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 rest up - on, Is grace a - lone, grace in His Son.

Sermon • Ephesians 2:1–10**It is by grace you have been saved**

1. this is not from yourselves
2. it is the gift of God
3. not by works

*-Stand-***Apostles' Creed**

[ELH p. 46]

☞ *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

☞ **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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall 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.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer

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Prayer for God's Continued Mercy ~ Kyrie

☞ *Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.*

☞ **Amen.**

Ⓟ *For our salvation which brings us peace with God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For the peace of the whole world, and the safety of the Christian Church; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For this congregation and its members who join together in faith, reverence, and the fear of God; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For all faithful pastors and teachers in the service of Christ; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For our country, our elected officials, and all those in public service; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For this city, for every city and country, and for all faithful Christians who live in them; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For favorable weather, an abundance of crops, and temperate seasons; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For all those who travel by land, sea, and air; and for the sick and the suffering; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓟ *For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress; we pray to You, O Lord:*

🔊 **Lord, have mercy.**

-Additional petitions may be prayed here, each using the following formula-

☞ For ... [additional petitions] ... we pray to You, O Lord:

☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

☞ Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

-Silence for personal prayer-

☞ Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

☞ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Hear us as we pray, O Lord:

☞ **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.**

-Be seated-

Hymn • "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

[ELH 379]

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart - felt long - ing still.
 3. What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing is to Thee--
 5. Je - sus, con - stant be my prais - es, For Thou un - to me did bring

Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus, What He wills a - lone to will,
 O re - move such harm - ful plea - sure; Give in - stead what prof - its me.
 Thine own self and all Thy grac - es That I joy - ful - ly may sing:

For my heart, which He has filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as Thou wilt."
 Let my heart by Thee be stilled; Make it Thine, Lord, as Thou wilt.
 Be it un - to me, my Shield, As Thou wilt, Lord, as Thou wilt.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[P] Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that

we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

☑ O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Blessing

[Ps 103:1]

☑ *The grace of our Lord Jesus \dagger Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

☑ Amen.

Closing Hymn • “Wide Open Are Your Hands”

[text: ELH 265 alt • tune: ELH 420]

1. Wide op - en are Thy hands, Pay - ing with more than gold
 2. Ah, let me clasp those hands, That we may nev - er part,
 3. Draw all my mind and heart Up to Thy throne on high,

The awe - ful debt of guilt - y men, For - ev - er and of old.
 And let the pow - er of their blood Sus - tain my faint - ing heart.
 And let Thy sac - red Cross ex - alt My spir - it to the sky.

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Vicar Jared Lindemann
- Organist: Sarah Hartwig
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