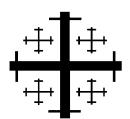
Second Sunday in Lent

16 March 2025 9:30 am





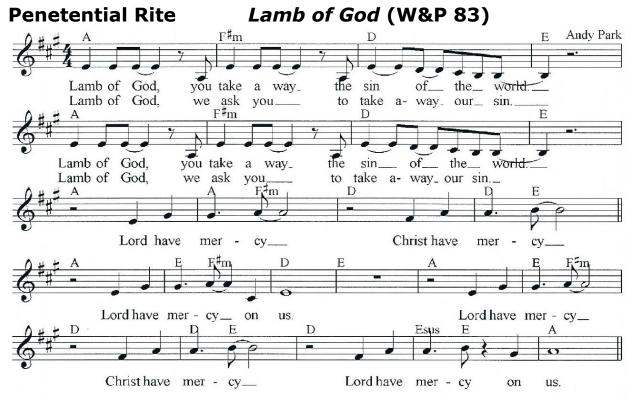
The Liturgy at Calvary

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the

church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hamburg - Lowell Mason 1792-1872 arr. David Nevue - b. 1965



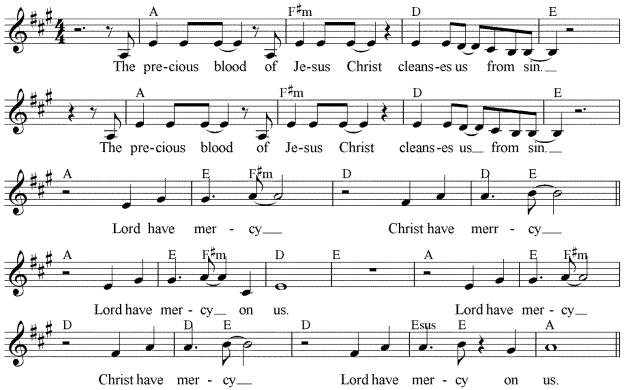
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Let us "press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Let us not "live as enemies of the cross of Christ; whose end is destruction; whose god is the belly; whose glory is in shame; whose minds are set on earthly things" (Philippians 3:14, 18-19). Let us confess the ways we are set on earthly things and not mindful of our heavenward call.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Hear, O LORD,
- C When I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! (Psalm 27:7,9).
- "...our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, stand firm in the Lord..."

 (Philippians 3:20 4:1).



Apostolic Greeting

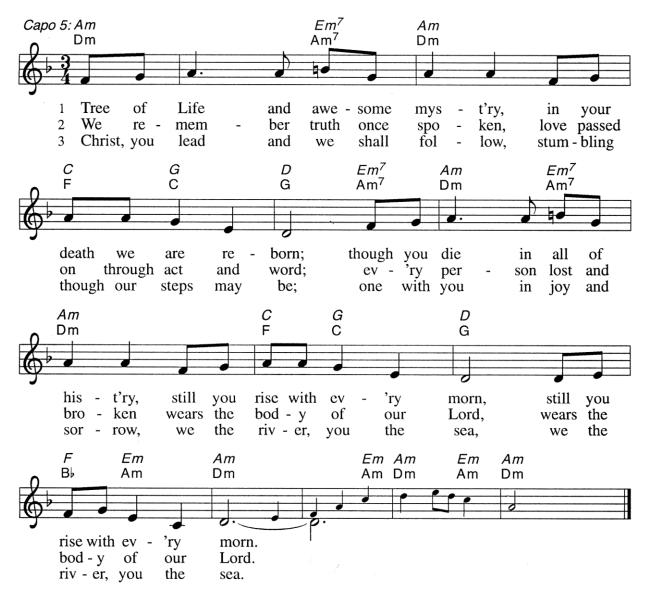
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, ★ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison



"Kyrie" from Wondrous Feast, a setting of the Mass for Calvary Lutheran Church
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Canticle of Praise *Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery*



4. In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do. Christ as Lord of all we do.

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Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you
- P Let us pray... God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Cantor/Choir sing refrain; all echo & sing after verses



1. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing that I seek. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To behold the Lord's fair beauty and seek God in this place. In all the times of trouble, God shall keep me safe. God hides me in a secret dwelling and sets me on a rock. Even now God lifts my head up above my enemies.

Refrain

2. Therefore will I lift up in God's temple sounds of joyful praise. With shouts of gladness I'll sing and make music to my Lord. Listen to my voice when I call to you; have mercy and answer me. You speak to my heart and say "Seek me"; Lord, I seek you now. Hide not your face from me, turn not away from me in your displeasure. Cast me not away my Savior, forsake me not O God.

Refrain

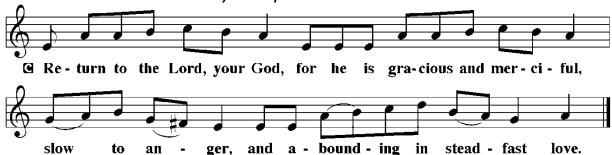
Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

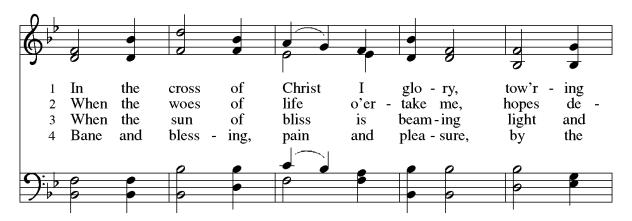


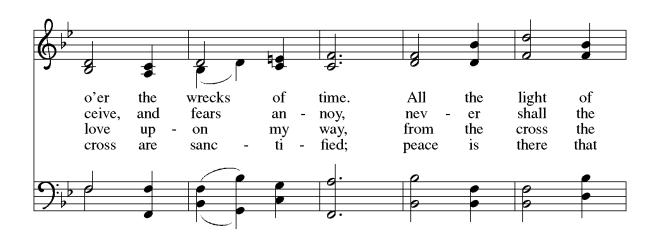
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter **C Glory to you O Lord!**
- 31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"
- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you O Christ!

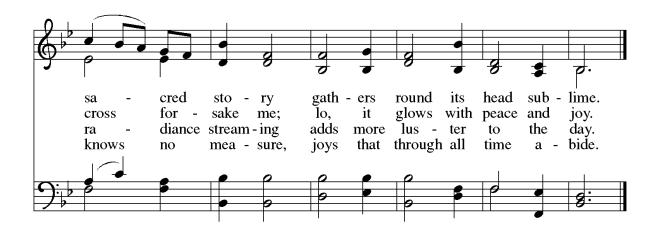
Sermon *Pr. Kyle Symanski*

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Glory (ELW 324)







Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

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



After each petition

Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

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

C Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please show a sign of peace

Offertory

How Vast the Love - Dana Mengel

Sanctuary Choir

High on a cross I beheld my Savior, bleeding in dire agony. Yet He gazed down with His eyes of compassion, pleading for God's grace for me!

How vast the lo0ve, how broad, hoe dep, my Savior's love was shown to me!

What a mystery, what a wonder is my Savior's love for me! High on a cross I beheld my Savior, broken and pierced by my sin.

Beneath the cross I will cast ever burden, and I will follow

How vast the lo0ve, how broad, hoe dep, my Savior's love was shown to me!

High on the cross!



Two Ways to Give

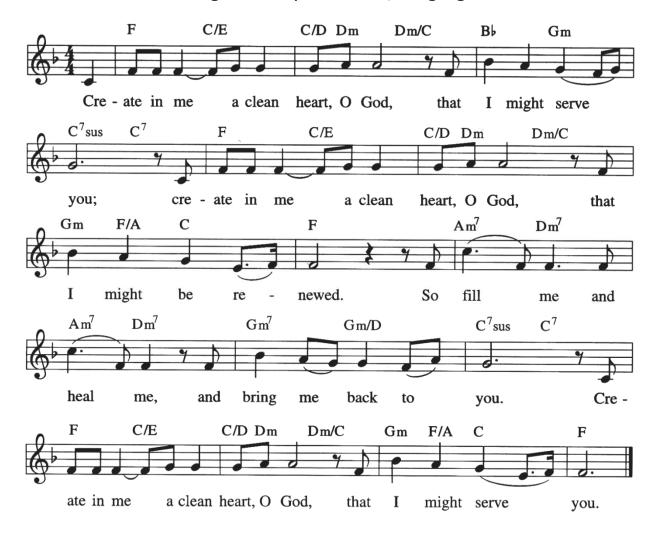
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Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

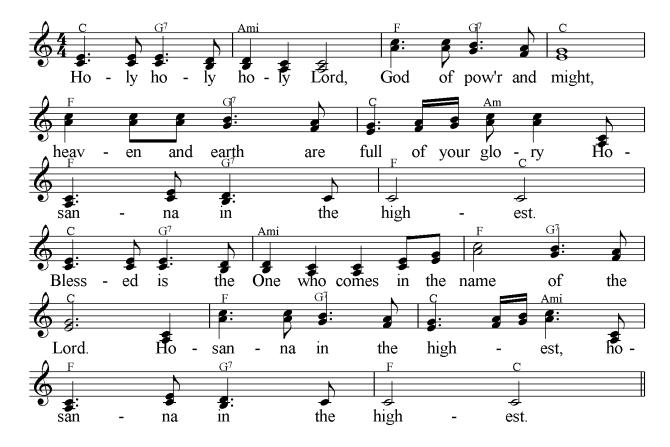


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Holy & Blessed, Latin]



Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C 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.

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.







In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide. Wine is Red, Grape Juice is White, Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

What Feast of Love / Greensleeves

Setting by Peter Crisafulli Toni Tharp, flute

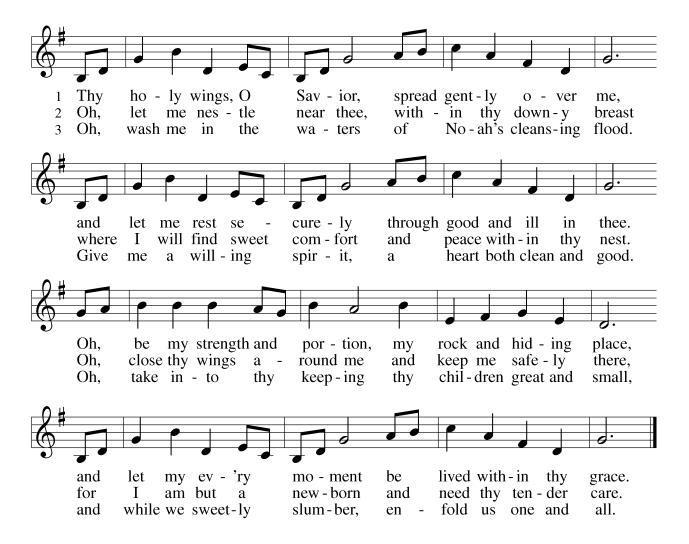
Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

God Be In My Heart (Taizé)



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Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)

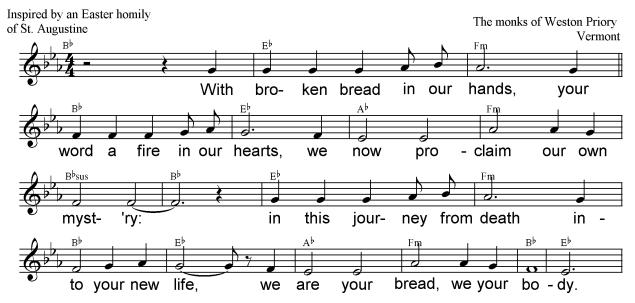


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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



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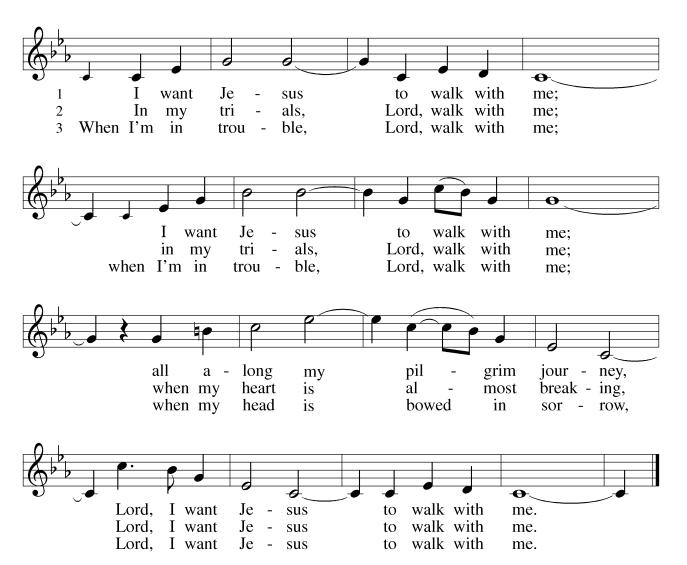
A Let us pray... Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Sending I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)



Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude O Dearest Jesus, Partita Mvt IV and V

Tune: Joann Cruger, 1598-1662

Setting: Kevin J. Sadowski, 1955-2003

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Robert Morris, Paul Slezak, trombone, vocals
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Commemorations This Week

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461 Monday, March 17, 2025

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556 Friday, March 21, 2025

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758 Saturday, March 22, 2025

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.