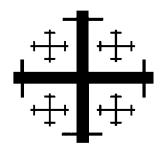
Fourth Sunday in Lent

30 March 2025 9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose sins are forgiven, and whose trespass is covered" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy

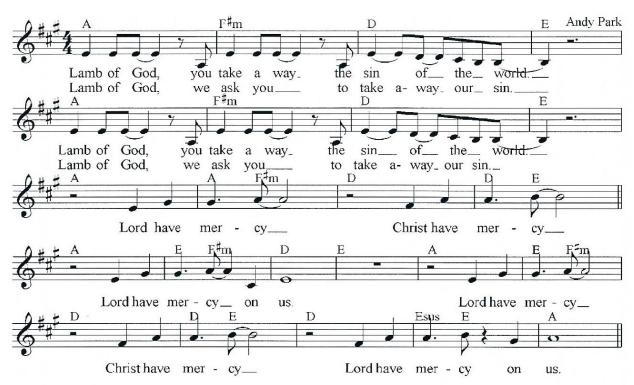
are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Prelude: "Praeludium II and V" (Harpsichord)

From the Well Tempered Clavier
J.S. Bach, 1686-1750
Edited by Hans Bischoff, 1852-1889

Penetential Rite

Lamb of God (W&P 83)



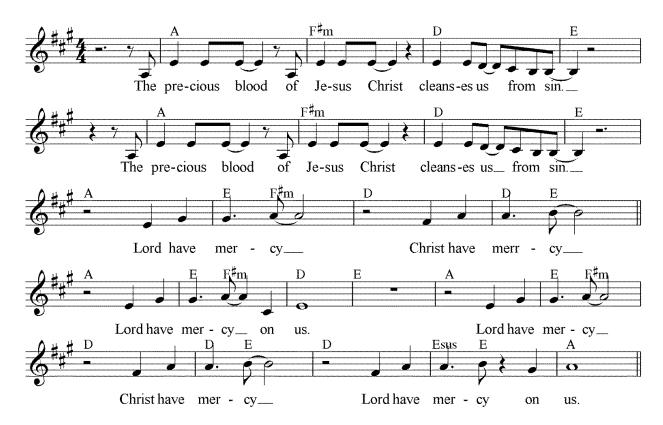
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While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of

summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity (Psalm 32:3-5).

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Most Merciful God...
- C You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance (Psalm 32:7).
- L Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart (Psalm 32:1,2,11).



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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Hymn Of Praise Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery



4. Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light. Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

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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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

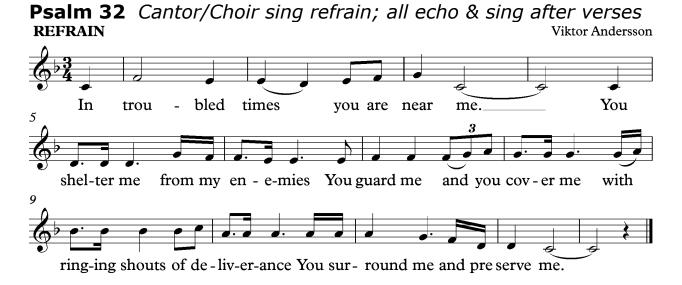
C Amen

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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



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- 1. Happy are they whose sins are forgiven; whose trespasses are covered. Happy are they the LORD does not punish, within whose hearts there is no deceit. **Refrain**
- 2. All day and night my bones grow old as I meditate in silence. All day and night your hand was upon me. My liveliness turned to summer drought. **Refrain**
- 3. I acknowledge and do not hide my sin. I confess to you and you forgave my iniquity, (my wickedness). I [the LORD] teach and guide you in the way. Be not like those who have no understanding. Much pain will be to the evil ones but kindness and grace surround those who trust. **Refrain**

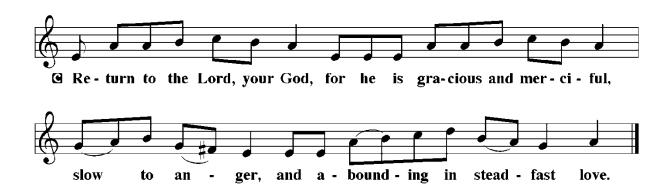
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15th chapter C Glory to you O Lord!

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b} There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this

son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you O Christ!

Sermon Intern Rebecca

Hymn Of The Day

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please show a sign of peace

Offertory: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

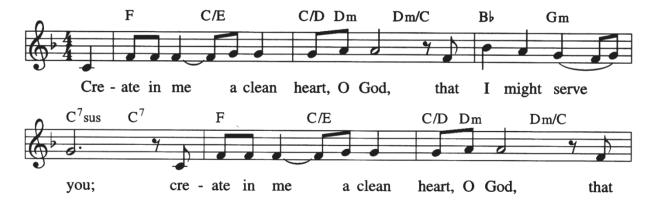
Tune: Sojourner - R. DeWitt Mallary, 1851-1911

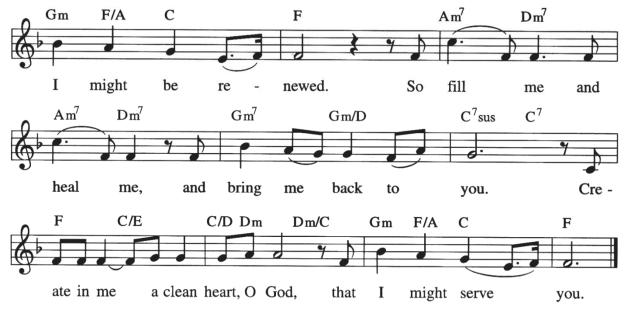
Arr. Michael Hassell, 1952-2019

Jacob Groening, trumpet



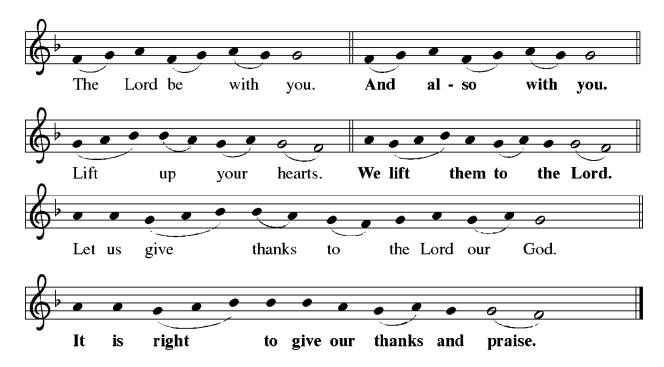
Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing





- 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.

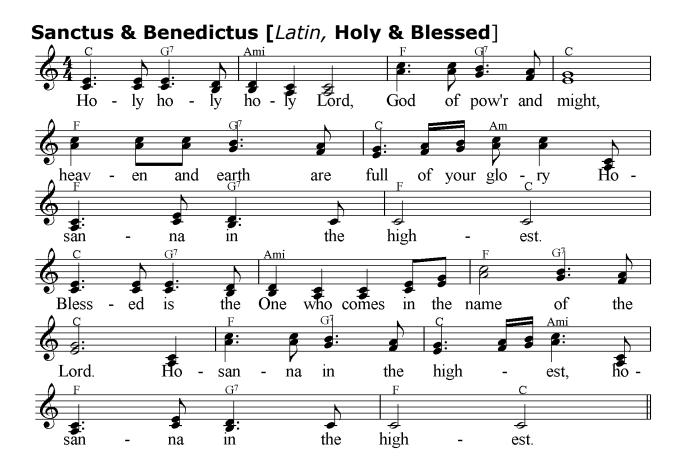
Great Thanksgiving



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:



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.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb Of God]





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."

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

Day by Day (ELW 790)





Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882 Text © 1992 Augsburg Fortress.

Just As I Am (ELW 592)

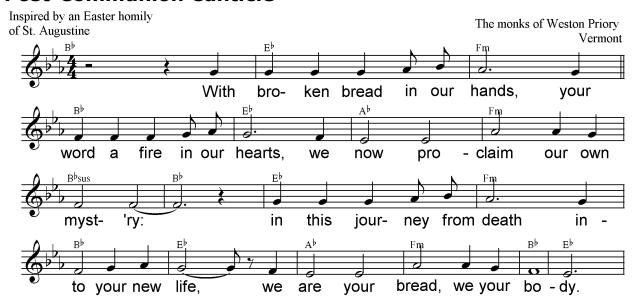


Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Variations on "Hinunter ist der Sonnen Schein"

Tune: Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

Setting: Robert Lind, b. 1941

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Commemorations This Week

John Donne, poet, died 1631 Monday, March 31, 2025

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589 Friday, April 4, 2025

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.