

***GRACE IN THE DESERT***  
***April 13 2024***  
***Third Sunday of Easter***

Welcome and Announcements

Theme Verse:

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*  
 Matthew 5:4

Opening Song	“House of the Lord”
Invocation	
Children's Message	
Response Song	“The Hurt and the Healer”
Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 61:2b-3
New Testament Reading:	2 Corinthians 1:3-5; 7-10
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 5:4
Message Song:	“Glorious Day”
Message:	“Mourning and Comfort Levelled Up”
Confession of Faith	“We Believe”

Prayers

Confession and Absolution

***C O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,  
 Be gracious to us for we have gone astray from your ways.  
 Create in us new and contrite hearts,  
 that we may now truly lament and confess our sins to You.  
 Blessed are the poor in spirit.  
 But in our pride we exalt ourselves.***

***Blessed are those who mourn.***

***But in our envy we recoil from others' happiness.***

***Blessed are the meek and the peacemakers.***

***But in our wrath we lash out in revenge.***

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.***

***But in our sloth we despair of virtue.***

***Blessed are the merciful.***

***But in our greed we demand to possess and fail to give.***

***Blessed are the pure in heart.***

***But in our lust we sacrifice others to serve ourselves.***

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.***

***But in our gluttony we consume unto sickness.***

***Heavenly Father, it is evident we too have loved darkness. Give us grace to walk again in the light so that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin and we have true fellowship with one another. Do this for our good and Your glory.***

***AMEN.*** (retrieved from <https://2cherish2commend.com/2017/05/11/prayer-of-confession-of-sin-the-beatitudes/>)

## P Absolution

Communion

Prayer/Consecration of Elements

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Communion Blessing

Offering Prayer

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you:

Immersed in scripture; Constant in prayer

Joyful in worship; Generous in giving

A loving, supportive community

Reaching out to those in need.

Accept these gifts we offer,

in Jesus' name

Amen

(retrieved from <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/prayers-offering>)

Benediction

Sending Song

"You Never Let Go"

Sending Out