

Lent 4

March 14, 2021

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome - Pastor Len Hoffmann

## **Worship Leader - Pastor Martha Neff Stum**

#### \*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

> the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

People: Amen.

**Pastor:** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to

the one who is full of compassion.

**Pastor:** Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.



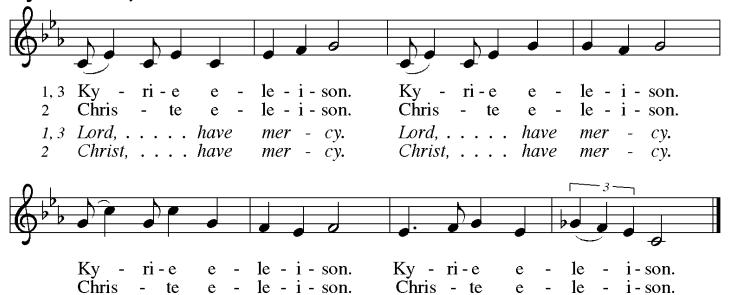
## Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

### \*Kyrie ~ ELW Hymn #151



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## \*Prayer of the Day (pray together)

Lord, . . . have

Christ, . . . have

**Pastor:** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world

and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who

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lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

#### **WORD**\*

# First Reading A reading from Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Lector:** The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good, for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the | Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

<sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths; through their sins they | were afflicted.

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man- | ner of food and drew near | to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried | to the Lord and you delivered them from | their distress. R

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your | word and healed them and rescued them | from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your | steadfast love and your wonderful works | for all people.

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. R

## **Second Reading**A reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ³so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁶For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁶not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Pastor:** God so loved the world that he gave his | only Son,\* so that everyone who

believes in him should not perish, but have e- | ternal life. (John 3:16)

## The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Lector: The Holy Gospel of the Lord, People: Praise to you, O Christ.



#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

## \*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

**Lector:** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

People: Amen.

### \*Sharing of the Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

#### \*Offering Prayer

**Pastor:** Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places,

and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*Preface

**Pastor:** 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.

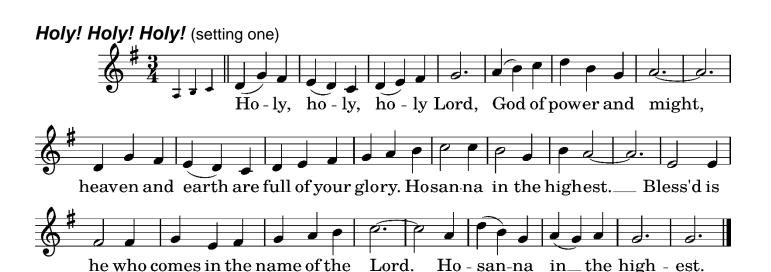
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

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:



**Pastor:** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup.

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Pastor:** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able:

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

**Pastor:** Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

### \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:** Jesus draws the whole world to himself.

Come to this meal and be fed.

**Distribution Special Music** ~ ELW Hymn #607

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

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## \*Prayer after Communion

**Pastor:** God of steadfast love,

at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit,

that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen

## \*Blessing

**Pastor:** You are what God made you to be:

created in Christ Jesus for good works,

chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you *+* that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

## \*Dismissal

**Pastor:** Go in peace to grow, share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God!

## **Postlude**

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadIffLHnDxG

And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

(520) 327-6521

For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

## Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad
Sonja Dunn
Gerry Meyer
Donald Brennan
Mary Neff
Joy Neverman
All those we hold dear in our hearts.



Sunday, March 21, 2021 Lent 5 Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13], Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

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