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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG (TIMENLINE)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Pg. 294 (G)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and

ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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 VERSES 1,2 & 3 (TIMELINE)

Gathered in Your Peace, We Pray

A Hymn paraphrase of the Kyrie for Lent

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Gethsemane, 77 77 77

Cantor sings first half of each line. Congregation sings second half of line, in boldface

1. Gath - ered in your peace, we pray: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 2. For the Church, your wound - ed Bride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 3. For your peo - ple, saved by grace: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

5
 For our shat - tered world, this day: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 Heal, re - store her to your side: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 Make of us one ho - ly race: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

9
 Give us peace up - on our way: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**
 Take a - way her sin and pride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**
 Til we see you face to face: **Grant your mer - cy, Lord, a - men.**

A LENTEN HYMN VERSES 1, 2 & 3 (TIMELINE)

A Lenten Hymn

In place of the "Gloria in Excelsis" or other hymn of praise

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Tune: St. Catherine

Cantor sings this before first verse only.



Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you grant us peace.

All



1. Fath - er al - high - ty, great God and King, Glo - ri - ous, gra - cious, mer - ci - ful true
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your Fath - er's true Son, Sin - bear - ing Lamb, the world's one true
3. Most ho - ly Spi - rit, great God and Lord, You give us grace to bless and a - done.

All



Our prayers and wor - ship and bless - ing we bring, Re - ceive it, Lord, as hom - age due.
Grant life and mer - cy from your heav'n - ly throne, Our praise make to you be glo - ry in - sight,
One with the Fath - er and the Word, Word, to you be glo - ry in - sight, more!

Refrain: all



Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you grant us peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us pray:.

C: Almighty God, look favorably upon your family.

Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING**EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

R: The first lesson is from the 37th chapter of Ezekiel.

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place

you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

R: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 130

READ RESPONSIVELY

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord

**more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:1-11

R: The second lesson comes from the 8th chapter of Romans.

8 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be

fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: Here ends the reading.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPPELLA) PG 63 (G)

P: Please stand (as you are able) in honor of the gospel.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 11th chapter.



11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,[a] “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus[b] was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8 The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” 9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” 11 After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” 12 The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”[c] 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin,[d] said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus[e] had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was

near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[f] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,[g] the Son of God, the one coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord,

already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” 45 Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place[h] and our nation.” 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! 50 You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” 51 He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. 53 So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

P: The Gospel of the Lord



SERMON

“Lazarus, Come Out!”

HYMN AFTER SERMON (VIDEO)

Rise up - Lazarus

APOSTLE’S CREED

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**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 Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY (TIMELINE)

For the Gifts....

C: For the gifts which you have given, generous, gracious, lavish Lord. We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love outpoured. Use our talents and our treasures; Use our heart and mind and hand. Hallow all for loving service to your folk in every land.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,

C: your Spirit surrounds and sustains us. As we offer these gifts, stir our quiet faith into confident witness. Replace our hesitant whispers with the courage to speak your truth. Shape our giving into acts of praise. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer.

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.**

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING

SENDING SONG (VIDEO)

I Will Rise

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

C: Serve the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Mar. 25 - @ 9:00 am Women's Morning Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

@ 5:30 pm - Soup Supper

@ 6:00 pm - Pre-Tour with Pastor Ann - Skull Hill

@ 7:00 pm - Lenten Drama Service

Mar. 26 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sun Porch

Do you have extra Bibles and Christian materials at home that are not being used? Join our Lenten LOVE packages drive and bring your items to our display!

FUTURE EVENTS:

Palm Sunday:

March 29th - 5th Sunday lunch - TACO 'bout Jesus! Taco bar and fun trivia game!

April 1 - Communion at Sunporch 10:30 AM

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 3 - Good Friday Tennebrae Service

April 5 - Sunrise Easter Service

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Any hamburger or tuna helpers, peanut butter, soups, always need toilet paper or any other food you would like to share.

5th Sunday March 29th

“Let’s Taco bout Jesus”. Free will donation, meal will be provided. Bring your bible knowledge to win prizes!

Scriptures for Mar. 29th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:19-29

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 26:1-30

Sermon Title: “A Beautiful Thing”