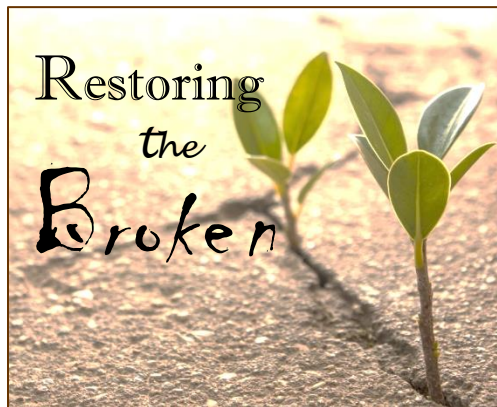


Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent, Yr B



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SYMBOLS Week 3 – Whip

JOHN 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

MUSIC: VS. 1 + LENT 3
Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery No. 334

v.1 **Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

Lent 3 **Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole, flow in us and make us whole.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your Holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than take care of your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, releases us, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE vs. 1,2,4 No. 705
God of Grace and God of Glory

1 **God of Grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown yjour ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

2 **Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

4 **Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17

Third Covenant – the Gift of Law

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 19: (1-6) 7-14 *We read responsively*

L: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18- 25

Christ crucified, the wisdom of God

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Stg 4, S151b

Return to the Lord your God



Re-tum to the Lord your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-



slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord

The cleansing of the temple

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. >>

¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN No. 510
Word of God Come Down on Earth

1 Word of God come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring too birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation, saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 P: Hear us, O God
C: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING--OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

C: Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *(5 vs)* No. 603
God When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.

3 You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.

4 Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith. > >

5 Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

C: As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG vs. 1,2,4 No. 324
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 3/3	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-3rd Sun in LENT Coffee -- Sunday School
TUE 3/5	5:30 PM	Worship/Evangelism
WED 3/6	5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM	SOUP SUPPER LENTEN WORSHIP EDYOU
THU 3/7	7 PM	AA
SAT 3/9	-----	DST TIME ---SPRING AHEAD
SUN 3/10	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-4th Sun in LENT Coffee -- Sunday School

// WED MAR 6 LENTEN WORSHIP -“Signs of Lent” 6:15 Downstairs. This Wk: YIELD. We are reminded to yield to the Father’s will for us in our lives, just as Jesus yielded to God’s will when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Not my will, but yours be done.”

>>LOOKING AHEAD>>

Sun Mar 10 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

Sun Mar 24 *PALM SUN: Procession w/palms, Sun. School Sings, FLCW Brunch, Helpers needed.*

Youth Palm Activity.