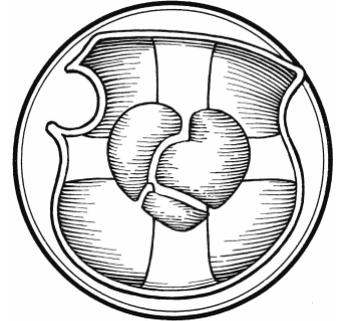


+ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT +
Mar 7, Year of our Lord 2021 | Divine Service 2



CHURCH DURING TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC therefore many of you may be watching online in addition to those here at Praise. Blessings to you knowing Christ comes near in His Word. The Sanctuary has been modified to accommodate physical distancing. Please listen for any additional guidelines concerning health and safety for in-person worship at Praise.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19*
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 Jn 1:8-9*
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

Introit

Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9



P For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

**C Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.**

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*
or the pit close its mouth | over me.

**Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.**

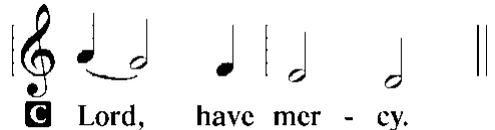
**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

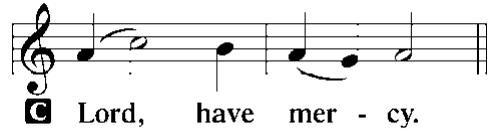
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Kyrie

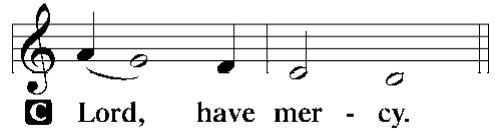
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



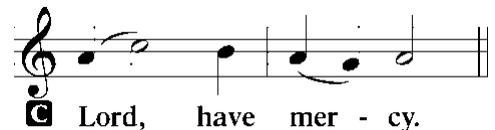
A For the peace from above and for our
salvation let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the Church of God, and for the
unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the
Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying,
"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath

to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

C **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

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

Where 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? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

John 2:19

P Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Verse (Lent)



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 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews



then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.**

Hymn of the Day: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-
 2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry
 Δ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face
 na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas-ing; The land shall plen-tous fruit bring forth,



To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His
 The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt
 Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the



sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,
 judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;
 Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!



And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out
 Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-lemn awe pos-



mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.
 nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

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+ Sermon +

Offering plates in rear of the Sanctuary, or gifts may be mailed, or may be given electronically at praiselutheran.com. | Greet fellow brothers and sisters in Christ: "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Mt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Church: For genuine faith in Jesus for us this Lententide.

World: For those whose callings are to lead, govern, and protect.

Mourning: Family of **Esther Felt** (memorial service this week at Praise). Family of **Bob Pfaff** (former family of the Roberts from South Dakota). Family of **Ken Keeble** (Emma Lu's husband) who passed away 2/16.

Health: **Ana** ("adopted" by our youth group) health after giving birth

Dick Mohr recovering from pneumonia

Phyllis Bembas completed cancer treatments, recovery

Carol Barnett upcoming lymphoma treatments

Larry Wacker treating blood clots in lung near heart

Tim Smith recovering from foot surgery

Kristen Wales (Mike & Deb's daughter) recovering from surgery

Mary Gleason (niece of Joan Large) dealing widespread cancer

Mother of Elisa Hickmon in the Philippines (stroke recovery)

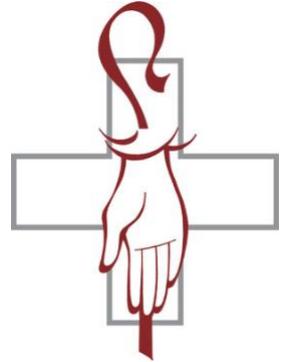
Jim Vespers' Parents: transition to a Charleston, SC well-care living

Lorretta (friend of Aurora, friend of Jim Vesper)

Birthdays: Larry L 3/1, Kate R 3/6, Meagan C 3/11, Bob G 3/14, Paul G 3/16, Andrew H 3/21,

Dick M 3/26, Sharon U 3/28 Anniversaries: Mark & Sonja Ratliff 3/9, Rick & Lisa Gift 3/20,

Fred & Faye Hansen 3/26



Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction (for Those Worshipping via our Livestream)

A Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

[Numbers 6:24-26]

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace. C

Amen.



Offertory



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ...this is My T body, which is given for you...this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins...

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways. **C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



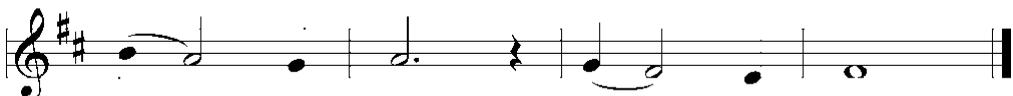
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 561 The Tree of Life (see hymnal)

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace. C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, ...now and forever.



Benediction



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The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



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Return to the Lord

Services in Lent continue each Sunday (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) and each Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. for Midweek Lent Services. | Daylight Savings is Sun, Mar 14 (spring ahead). Taryn Sebright's Memorial Service: Wed, Mar 17, 3:00 p.m. at Praise.

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