

The First Sunday in Lent

Saturday – February 20, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 424 “O Christ, You Walked the Road”



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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Stand

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

Invocation

LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203 Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203 [John 20:19–23]

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 106:24-39, 47

P ²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land,
C **having no faith in his promise.**
P ²⁵They murmured in their tents,
C **and did not obey the voice of the LORD.**
P ²⁶Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them
C **that he would make them fall in the wilderness,**
P ²⁷and would make their offspring fall among the nations,
C **scattering them among the lands.**
P ²⁸Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor,
C **and ate sacrifices offered to the dead;**
P ²⁹they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds,
C **and a plague broke out among them.**
P ³⁰Then Phinehas stood up and intervened,
C **and the plague was stayed.**
P ³¹And that was counted to him as righteousness
C **from generation to generation forever.**
P ³²They angered him at the waters of Meribah,
C **and it went ill with Moses on their account,**
P ³³for they made his spirit bitter,
C **and he spoke rashly with his lips.**
P ³⁴They did not destroy the peoples,
C **as the LORD commanded them,**
P ³⁵but they mixed with the nations
C **and learned to do as they did.**
P ³⁶They served their idols,
C **which became a snare to them.**
P ³⁷They sacrificed their sons
C **and their daughters to the demons;**
P ³⁸they poured out innocent blood,
the blood of their sons and daughters,
C **whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,**
and the land was polluted with blood.
P ³⁹Thus they became unclean by their acts,
C **and played the whore in their deeds.**
P ⁴⁷Save us, O LORD our God,
C **and gather us from among the nations,**
P that we may give thanks to your holy name
C **and glory in your praise.**
ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 204 Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ***“Abraham!”*** And he said, ***“Here am I.”*** ²He said, ***“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”*** ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, ***“Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”*** ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, ***“My father!”*** And he said, ***“Here am I, my son.”*** He said, ***“Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”*** ⁸Abraham said, ***“God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”*** So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ***“Abraham, Abraham!”*** And he said, ***“Here am I.”*** ¹²He said, ***“Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”*** ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, ***“The LORD will provide”***; as it is said to this day, ***“On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”***

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, ***“By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”***

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: James 1:12-18

James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, ***“I am being tempted by God,”*** for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

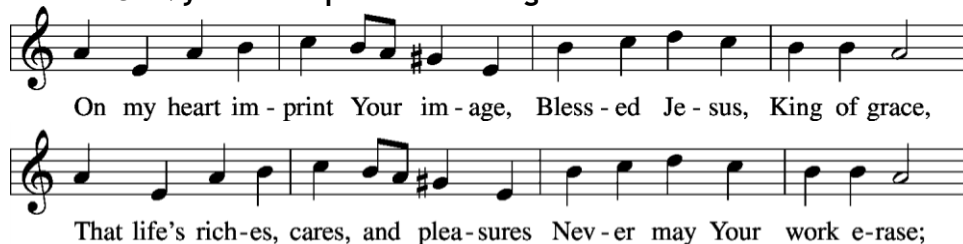
¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

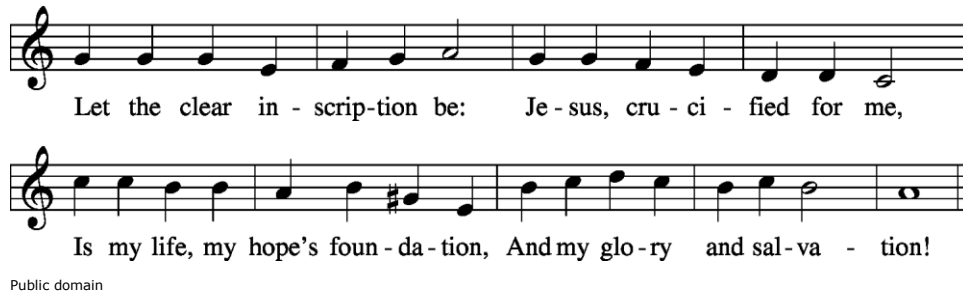
Stand

Hymn # 422 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,

That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, ***“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”***

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

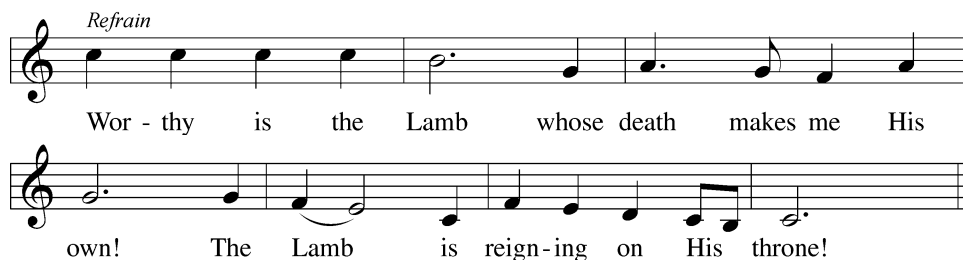
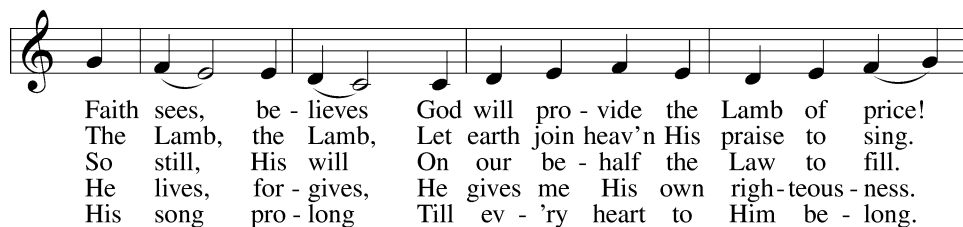
¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, ***“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”***

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 547 “The Lamb”



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Sermon “Jesus our Defender in Trials and Temptations” Mark 1:9-15 & Genesis 22

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lamb of God who has taken away our sin.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Hymn # 618:1 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Preface

LSB 208 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn # 618:3 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I

have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt

ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209 Matthew 6:9–13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 209 John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Hymn # 618:5 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.
Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endures forever.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211 Luke 2:29-32



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

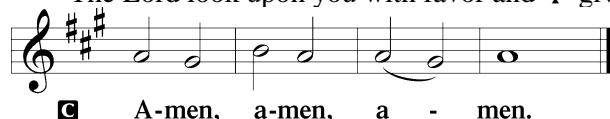
LSB 212 Psalm 103:1

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P** 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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