

The Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday – February 27, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – February 28, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 837:1-4,6 “Lift High the Cross”


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till




all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



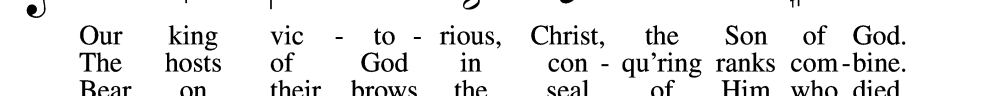
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,



2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,



3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied

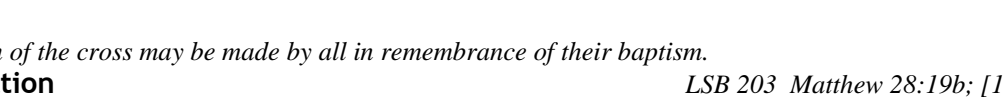


4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

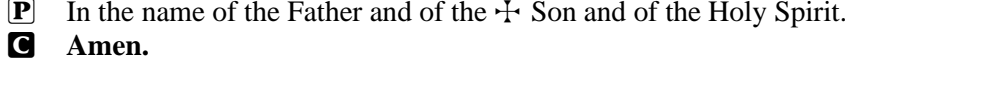


6 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:


Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.



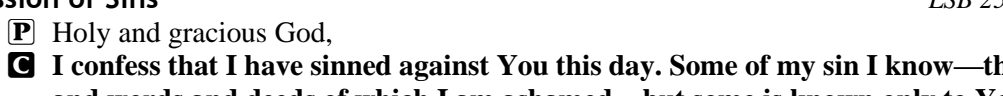
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.



Praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

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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 290) Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254 Alt.

- P** Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 106:40-48

P ⁴⁰Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people,
C **and he abhorred his heritage;**
P ⁴¹he gave them into the hand of the nations,
C **so that those who hated them ruled over them.**
P ⁴²Their enemies oppressed them,
C **and they were brought into subjection under their power.**
P ⁴³Many times he delivered them,
but they were rebellious in their purposes
C **and were brought low through their iniquity.**
P ⁴⁴Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress,
C **when he heard their cry.**
P ⁴⁵For their sake he remembered his covenant,
C **and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.**
P ⁴⁶He caused them to be pitied
C **by all those who held them captive.**
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.**
P ⁴⁸Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
C **from everlasting to everlasting!**
P And let all the people say,
C **“Amen!” Praise the LORD!**
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 God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, *“I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”* ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, *“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”*

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, *“As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent) Joel 2:13 LSB 157

C 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: Mark 8:27-38

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, ***“Who do people say that I am?”***

²⁸And they told him, *“John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”*

²⁹And he asked them, ***“But who do you say that I am?”***

Peter answered him, *“You are the Christ.”*

³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ***“Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”***

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, ***“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”***

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand –
The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.
2. Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears Two wonders I confess –
The wonders of redeeming love And My unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

Sermon "Being the Christ" Mark 8:27-38

Stand

Hymn # 939 "You Are God; We Praise You"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The fifth staff contains the fifth line. The sixth staff contains the sixth line. The seventh staff contains the seventh line. The eighth staff contains the eighth line. The ninth staff contains the ninth line. The score ends with a double bar line.

You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we ac-claim You.

You are the e - ter - nal Fa - ther; all cre - a - tion wor-ships You.

To You all an-gels, all the pow'rs of heav-en, cher-u-bim and ser-a -

phim, sing in end - less praise: Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and

earth are full of Your glo - ry. The glo-rious com - pa-ny

of a - pos-tles praise You. The no-ble fel-low-ship of proph-ets

praise You. The white-robed ar - my of mar - tyrs praise You.

Through-out the world the ho - ly Church ac-claims You:

Fa - ther, of maj-es-ty un - bound - ed; Your true and on - ly Son,
wor-thy of all wor-ship; and the Ho-ly Spir-it, ad-vo-cate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glo - ry, the e-ter-nal Son of the
Fa - ther. When You be - came man to set us
free, You did not spurn the vir - gin's womb.
You o-ver - came the sting of death and o - pened the
king-dom of heav-en to all be - liev-ers. You are seat - ed at
God's right hand in glo - ry. We be - lieve that You will
come and be our judge. Come, then, Lord, and
help Your peo-ple, bought with the price of Your own blood, and
bring us with Your saints to glo - ry ev - er - last - ing.

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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, who has taught us to pray,

Lord's Prayer

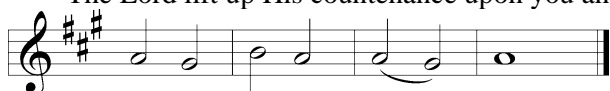
LSB 209 Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 563:1-2,5 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
man - sion in the skies, This then shall be my



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
on - ly plea: Je - sus hath lived and died for me.

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