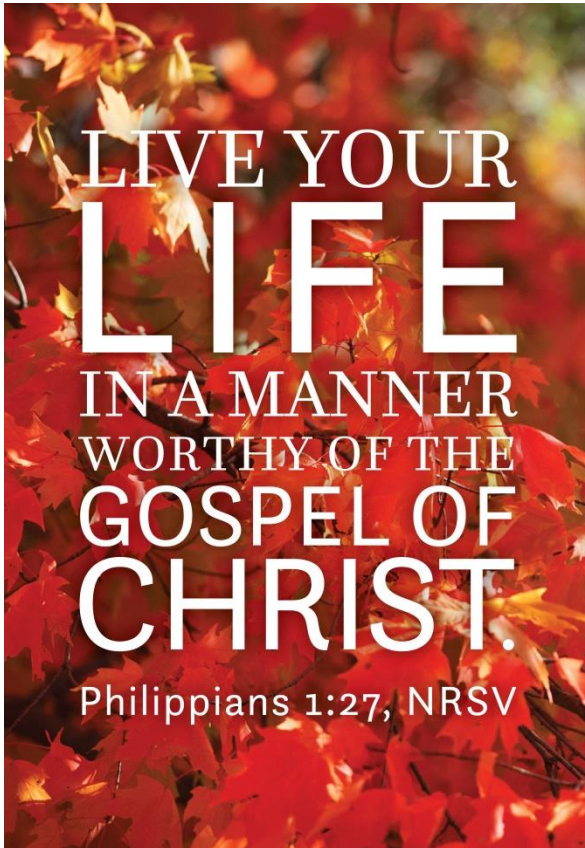


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
10:30 a.m.



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Thy Holy Wings"

Choir

Stand

INVOCATION

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 whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin, we 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.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 OF PEACE *Greet others, saying "Peace be with you/And also with you", along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

"O Lord Throughout These 40 Days"

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

[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.

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] 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.


[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

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


[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.


[C] A - - - - - men.

The Hymn of Praise is traditionally omitted during lent.

[P] The Lord be with you. [C] **And also with you.**

[P] Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. [C] **Amen.**

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children’s Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:27-30

[R] Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

[R] This is the Word of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "I Will Do My Best"

Stand

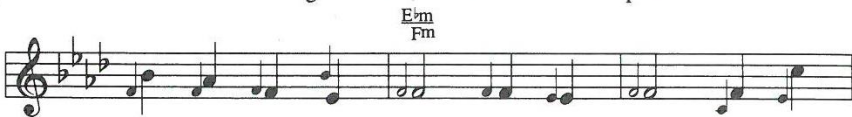
HYMN "They Will Know We are Christians By our Love"



1 We are one in the Spir - it, We are
2 We will walk with each oth - er, We will
3 We will work with each oth - er, We will
4 All ——— praise to the Fa - ther, From ———



one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, We are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, We will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, We will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, His ——— on - ly ——— Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save each man's
praise to the Spir - it, who ——— makes ——— us ———



stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
land.
pride.
one.

love, by our love, Yes they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love. (by our love.)

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 again 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 OF THE CHURCH

[P] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

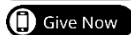
[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

[C] *introduction*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

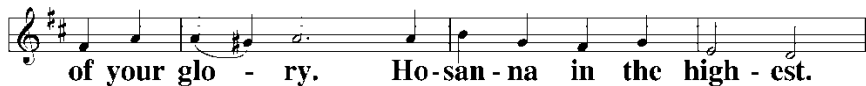
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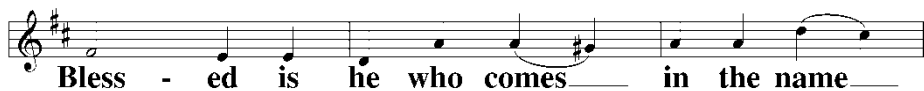
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[P] Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

[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.

LAMB OF GOD

[C]

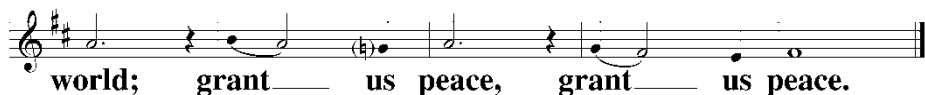
introduction

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



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.

HYMN “One Bread One Body”

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;

one cup of bless - ing which we bless,

and we, though man-y through-out the earth,

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Em D Em D

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more,
 one in the Lord of all,
 gath - ered to one for all.

Em F Am D *Refrain*

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
 4 4 6 and refrain

HYMN

“On Eagles Wings”

1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

G DM7 Bm

G DM7 F Bb

Dm C Dm Gm Asus4 A

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

ON EAGLE’S WINGS
irregular

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Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER



intro: one chord

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce
and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

[P] Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[P] Let us bless the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

[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] Amen.

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God**

CLOSING HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

harmonized for part-singing



- 1) My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
- 2) When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
- 3) His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
- 4) When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -



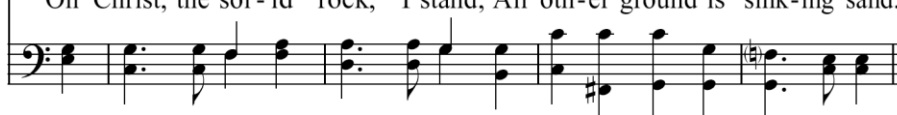
own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a-lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore his throne!



Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



Meter: 88.88, with Refrain
Edward Mote, ca. 1834, alt.

Source:
LBW 294

Tune: Melita
John B. Dykes, 1860

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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