

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive the sins of others," is the theme of this Sunday in Lent ("NOT the Bible"), but is in truth the theme of our faith. Today we welcome Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, as we explore the saying "to err is human, to forgive divine" and discover what the Scripture says about forgiveness: "just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."

**2019 Lenten Theme: NOT the Bible!**

*Congregational Responses in Bold Print*

**PRELUDE**    *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*    OSTERLAND

**CONFESSION**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. Amen.*

*In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy. Silence is kept for reflection.*

***God at the margins, we have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.***

*Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life. Amen.*

**HYMN**    #719    *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*    WALTON

**GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE** ("Kyrie eleison" is Greek meaning "Lord, Have Mercy")

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Psalm 27**

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SENIOR CHOIR: (10:45) *The Lord Is My Light* Psalm 27**

### **SECOND READING: Luke 13: 31-35**

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**SERMON TEXT: Colossians 3: 12-13**

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

**SERMON: NOT the Bible!** “To err is human; to forgive divine.” *Bishop Daniel Beaudoin*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #323**     *God Loved the World*     ROCKINGHAM OLD

**NICENE CREED**

*With voices united, let us confess our faith*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. (a brief silence.)*

... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **MEAL**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE**

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

*Offer God's peace to one another!*

**OFFERING** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* JONES

**OFFERTORY** # 692 *We Are an Offering* OFFERING

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.**

**Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours:**

**we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering,**

**we are an offering.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Let us pray. Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth and fifth have two measures each. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*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.*

*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**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**



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, Lamb of God.

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

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray. Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

*God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN #813 *Faith of Our Fathers*** ST. CATHERINE  
Stanza 1, women; stz. 2, men; stz. 3,4: ALL

### **DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE *Let All Together Praise Our God*** POWELL

*Moving One Step Closer to God.*

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