

# February 21, 2021

## First Sunday in Lent

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** *Beneath the Cross*

### MEDITATION

#### Psalm 51

Thoroughly wash me, inside and out  
of all my crooked deeds.

Cleans me from my sins.

For I am fully aware of all I have done wrong,  
and my guilt is there, staring me in the face.

It was against You, only You, that I sinned,  
for I have done what You say is wrong,  
right before Your eyes.

So when You speak, You are in the right.

When You judge, Your judgments are pure and true.

For I was guilty from the day I was born,  
a sinner from the time my mother became pregnant with me.

But still, You long to enthrone truth throughout my being;  
in unseen places deep with me,  
You show me wisdom.

Cleanse me of my wickedness with hyssop,  
and I will be clean.

If You wash me, I will be whiter than snow.

Help me hear joy and happiness as my accompaniment,  
so my bones, which You have broken,  
will dance in delight instead.

Cover Your face so You will not see my sins,  
and erase my guilt from the record.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
restore within me a sense of being brand new.

## GATHERING SONG: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## GREETING/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin  
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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### GOSPEL: Luke 10: 24-42

<sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my

neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."  
<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Word of God.

Word of life.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD:** *O God of Mercy, God of Light (Thring/Barnby)*  
*June Condra, Soloist - Lucy Kay Osborne, Piano*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** *Roger Steinke*

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY *When the Poor Ones* (ELW 725)



1 *Cuan-do* *el* *po - bre* *na - da* *tie - ne* *y aún* *re - par - te,*  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;  
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;  
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;  
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



*cuan - do* *al - guien* *pa - sa* *sed* *y a - gua* *nos* *da,*  
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;  
 when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



*cuan - do* *el* *dé - bil* *a su* *her - ma - no* *for - ta - le - ce:*  
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:  
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:  
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

### *Refrain / Estribillo*



*Va* *Dios* *mis - mo* *en* *nues - tro* *mis - mo* *ca - mi - nar;*  
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



*va* *Dios* *mis - mo* *en* *nues - tro* *mis - mo* *ca - mi - nar.*  
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction, especially our Coho, Sockeye, Steelhead and Chinook. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministry. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence for self-reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

**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.**

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

## **COMMUNION**

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**


God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you  that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (ELW 538)



*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá*  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE:**

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