March 12, 2023: Third Sunday in Lent

OUR GREATEST NEEDS: Water for the Thirsty

Hymn: 708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading *Exodus 17:1–7*

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to
place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the
people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."
Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"
3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They
said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die
of thirst?"
4 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are
almost ready to stone me."
5 The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the
elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I
will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out
of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he
called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they
tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

63A In the Morning I Will Sing *Psalm 63A sts. Ref–2 (Sun. 8 and 10:30)*

The cantor will sing the refrain the first time followed by the congregation. The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation sings the refrain.

Refrain

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will

sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to

you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse

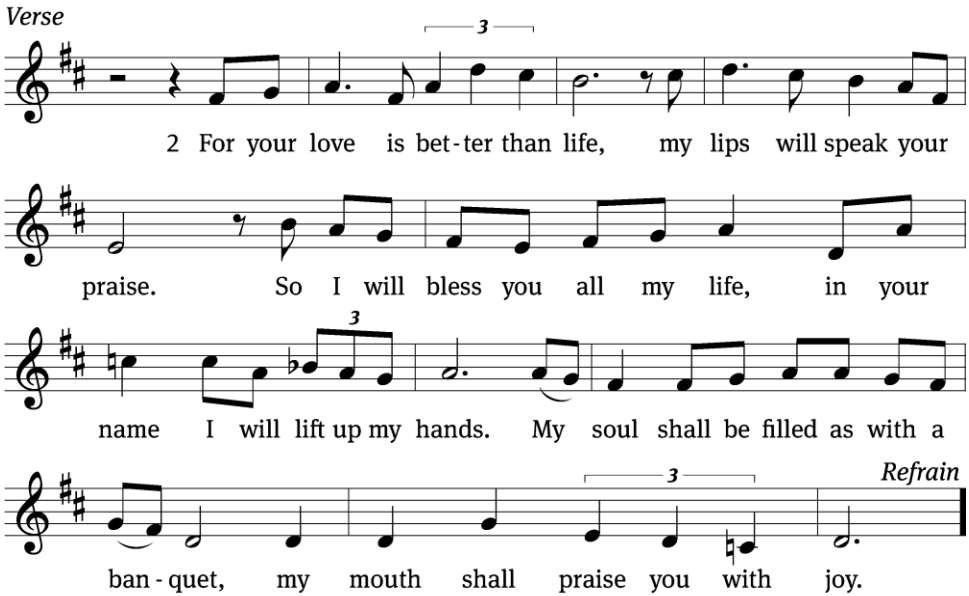
1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for

you my soul is thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a

dry, wea - ry land with - out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the

Refrain

sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.



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Second Reading *Romans 5:1–8*

1Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in
which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3Not only so, but we
also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
4perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5And hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has
been given to us.

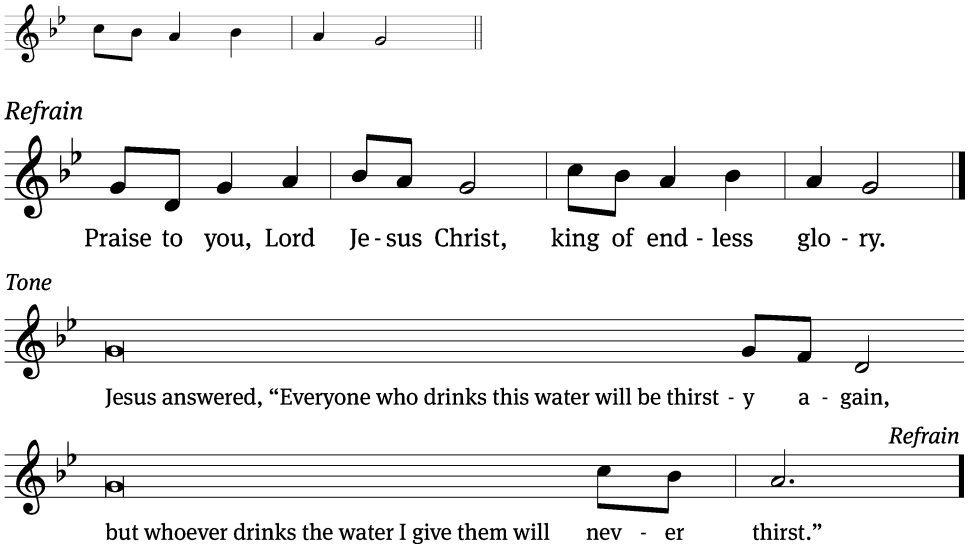
6You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the
ungodly. 7Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person
someone might possibly dare to die. 8But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Anthem: "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" *Male Chorus*

Gospel Acclamation *John 4:13,14*



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Gospel *John 4:4–26*

4Now he had to go through Samaria. 5So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar,
near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob's well was there, and
Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a
drink?" 8(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How
can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink,
you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can
you get this living water? 12Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and
drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14but whoever
drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in
them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

[15]The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”
[16]He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”
[17]“I have no husband,” she replied.
Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. [18]The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”
[19]“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. [20]Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
[21]“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. [22]You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23]Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. [24]God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
[25]The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
[26]Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sermon: *Pastor Joel Zank*

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.
Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.
Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

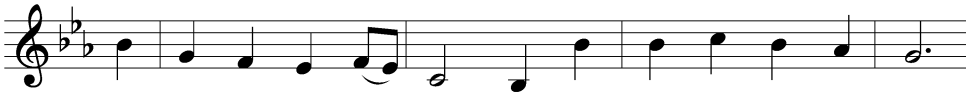
Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

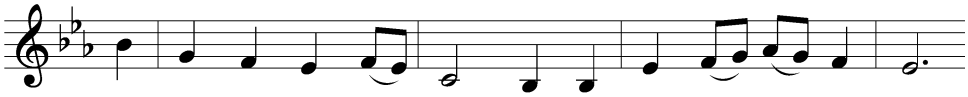
Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

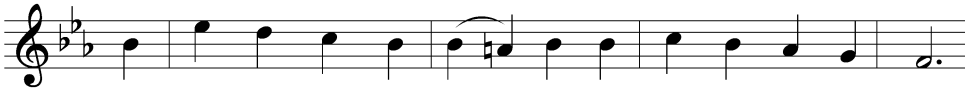
Hymn: 893 For All the Faithful Women *sts. 1, 10, 3–4*



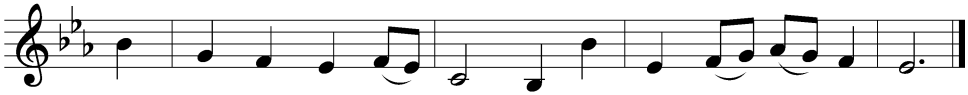
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom the Lord con - versed;
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their sto - ry told.
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep-est thirst.
in whom thro' all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave;
Like hers, our hearts are yearn - ing; Christ of - fers us his Word.
we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer-vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



to you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

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