

+ THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT +

WELCOME

345 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!"
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.
- △ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

FORGIVENESS ~ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Congregation **God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Pastor 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.
Congregation **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

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 lift me high up- | on a rock.

And now my head shall be 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.

PRAYER ~ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Help us to acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT ~ ISAIAH 42:14-21

I have been silent for a long time. I kept quiet and held myself back.

But like a woman in childbirth I will cry out. I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste to mountains and hills. I will dry up all their vegetation.

I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up ponds.

16 I will lead the blind on unfamiliar roads. I will lead them on unfamiliar paths.

I will turn darkness into light in front of them. I will make rough places smooth. These are the things I will do for them, and I will never abandon them.

17 Then those who trust idols and those who say to statues, "You are our gods" will be turned away and put to shame.

18 Listen, you deaf people. Look, you blind people, so that you can see.

19 Who is blind except my servant or deaf like the messenger I send?

Who is blind like the one who has my trust or blind like the servant of the Lord?

20 You have seen much, but you do not observe anything. Your ears are open, but you hear nothing.

21 The Lord is pleased because he does what is right. He praises the greatness of his teachings and makes them glorious.

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE ~ EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you lived in the dark, but now the Lord has filled you with light. Live as children who have light. **9** Light produces everything that is good, that has God's approval, and that is true. **10** Determine which things please the Lord. **11** Have nothing to do with the useless works that darkness produces. Instead, expose them for what they are. **12** It is shameful to talk about what some people do in secret. **13** Light exposes the true character of everything **14** because light makes everything easy to see. That's why it says: "Wake up, sleeper! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

MATTHEW 27:27-32

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the palace and gathered the whole troop around him. **28** They took off his clothes and put a bright red cape on him. **29** They twisted some thorns into a crown, placed it on his head, and put a stick in his right hand. They knelt in front of him and made fun of him by saying, "Long live the king of the Jews!" **30** After they had spit on him, they took the stick and kept hitting him on the head with it.

31 After the soldiers finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the cape and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

32 On the way they found a man named Simon. He was from the city of Cyrene. The soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON ~ SIMON THE CYRENE & THE KAHNS

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OFFERTORY

Congregation What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

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Pastor 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.
Congregation Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ~ 744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1–5

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 His grace has brought me safe thus far,
 His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
 And mortal life shall cease,
 Amazing grace shall then prevail
 In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

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