

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

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Morning Prayer p. 235

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Psalmody

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (I & II Spoken by Pastor and Cantor)

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- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
I Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
I In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.
II The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.
I O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
II For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
L Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm

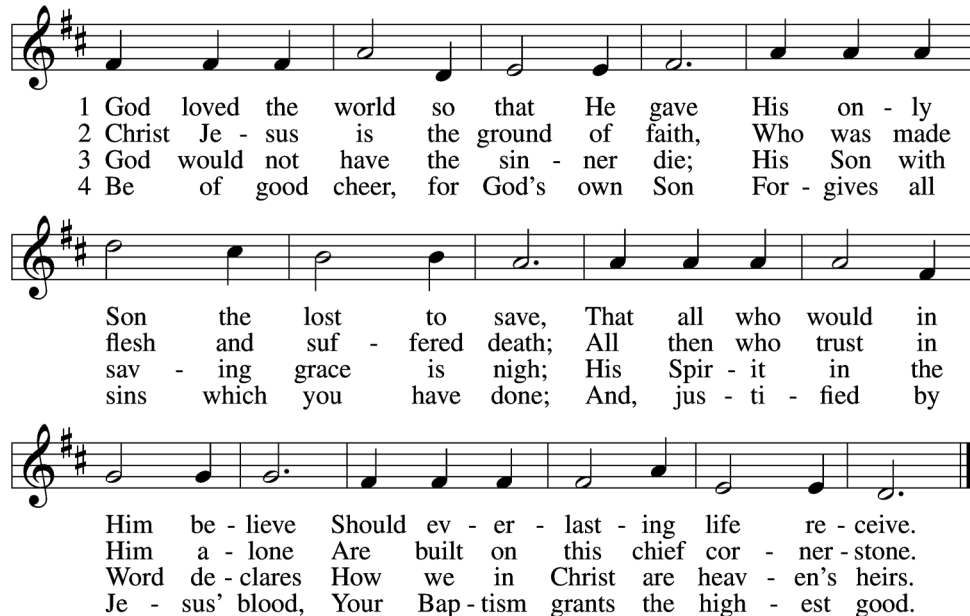
Psalm 32; antiphon: v. 11

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
C Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
C For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
P I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
C surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
P You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
C I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
P Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

C Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

P Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed

him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

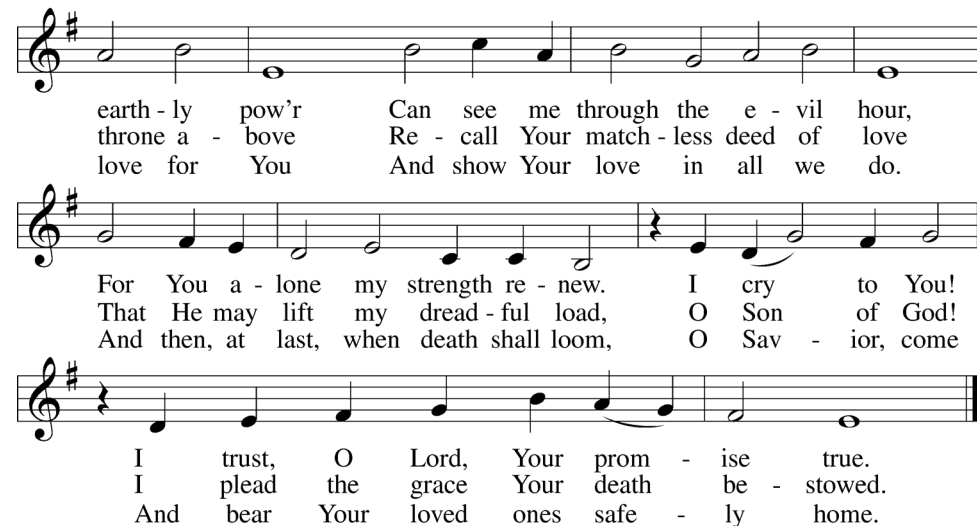
L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

972 I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone



1 I trust, O Christ, in You a-lone; No earth-ly hope a-
 2 My sin and guilt are plagu-ing me; O grant me true con-
 3 Con-firm in us Your Gos-pel, Lord, Your prom-ise of sal-
 vails me. You will not see me o-ver-thrown
 tri-tion And by Your death up-on the tree
 va-tion. And make us long to hear Your Word
 When Sa-tan's host as-sails me. No hu-man strength, no
 Your par-don and re-mis-sion. Be-fore the Fa-ther's
 And fol-low our vo-ca-tion: To spend our lives in



earth-ly pow'r Can see me through the e-vil hour,
 throne a-bove Re-call Your match-less deed of love
 love for You And show Your love in all we do.
 For You a-lone my strength re-new. I cry to You!
 That He may lift my dread-ful load, O Son of God!
 And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Sav-ior, come
 I trust, O Lord, Your prom-ise true.
 I plead the grace Your death be-stowed.
 And bear Your loved ones safe-ly home.

Sermon

Sermon Theme: Unconditional Love

Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Canticle

Benedictus (**L** part spoken by Cantor)

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C Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
 He has come to His people and redeemed them.
 He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
 born of the house of His servant David.
 Through His holy prophets He promised of old
 that He would save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers
 and to remember His holy covenant.
 This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship Him without fear,
 holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.
L You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
 to give His people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
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. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
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.**

Benedicamus

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- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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