

Purpose and Perseverance

This week's gospel text from Luke presents another temptation for Jesus. The Pharisees approach Jesus with a warning about his safety, telling him to "get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you" (Luke 13:31). Not only do the Pharisees want Jesus to leave, but one can assume they also want Jesus to stop doing what he was doing: speaking against the Pharisees, teaching about God, and healing on the sabbath. We know the Pharisees are "very hostile" (Luke 11:53) toward Jesus, so we can conclude that their warning is not a genuine expression of concern but rather an attempt to stop his mission and ministry.

However, Jesus will not be distracted or turned away from his purpose, even if that includes moving toward his own death in Jerusalem. In Jesus' ability to fulfill his purpose, even in the midst of opposition, we find inspiration as we seek to live our lives in concert with God's purposes. As Christians, Jesus' purpose is our purpose. The church, the body of Christ, doesn't exist for itself. Rather, the church exists to be a partner with God in God's mission to love, bless, and reconcile the world.

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LENT 2

March 17, 2019 8:00 & 9:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Ich ruf' zu dir Herr Jesu Christ"

J.S. Bach

(I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

Paul Griffith, Organist

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

☞ Amen.

☞ Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

☞ Mighty and loving God,

☞ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

☞ Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

☞ Amen.

HYMN 719

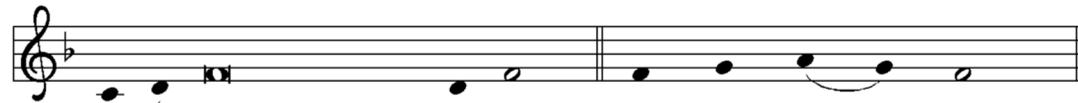
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

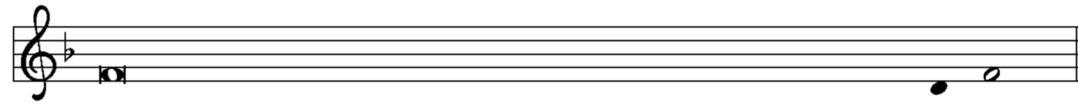
☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE



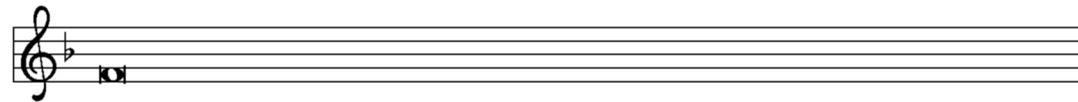
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



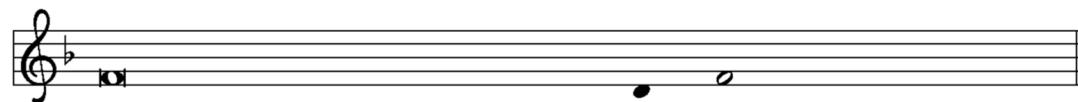
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



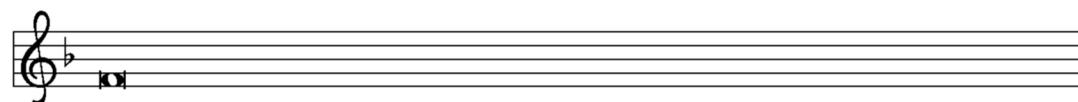
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up and in every thing reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

☐ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Christ is your light.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN 812

"Faith of Our Fathers"

POSTLUDE

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Arr. Dorothy Wells

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.

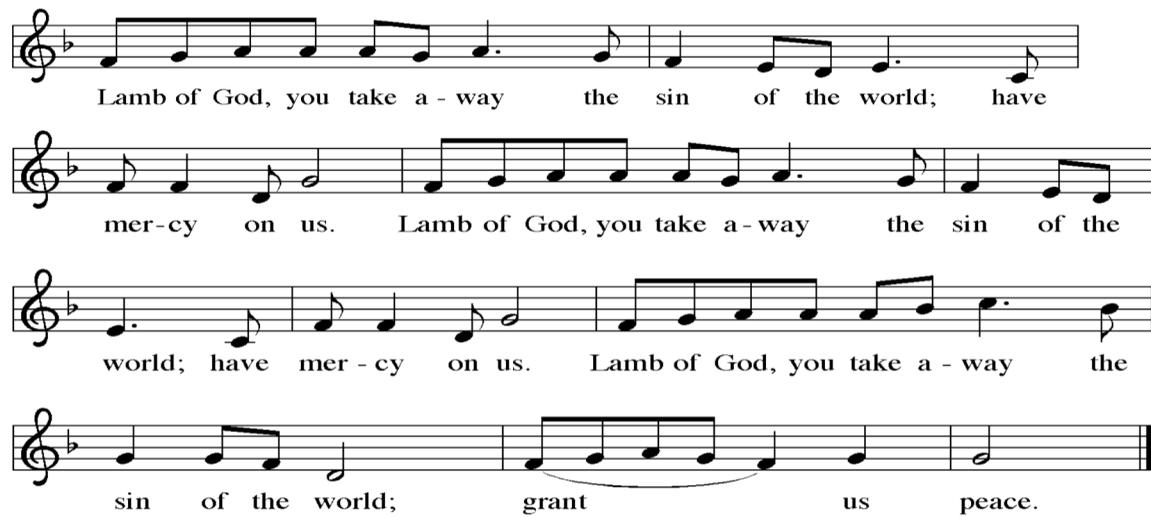
P Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

G Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Supper. Please fill out a registration card and hand it to the usher. We will gladly commune anyone in their seat if they are unable to come forward for communion. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI



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.

We then join in singing:

758 "You Are the Way"

759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

BLESSING

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

G Amen.



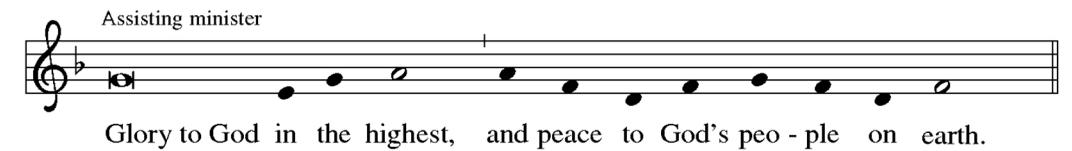
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

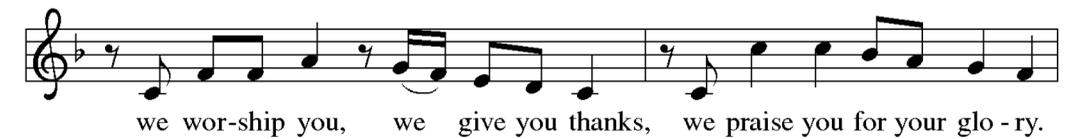


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



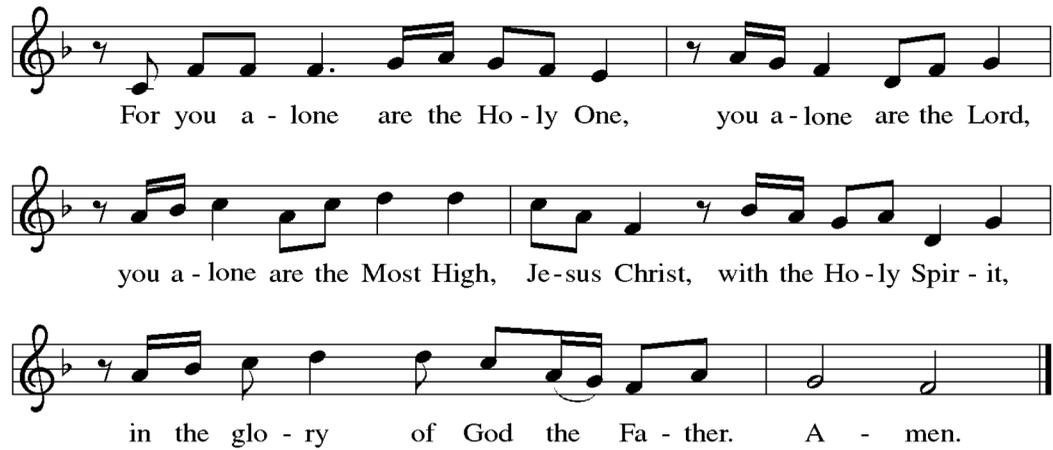
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

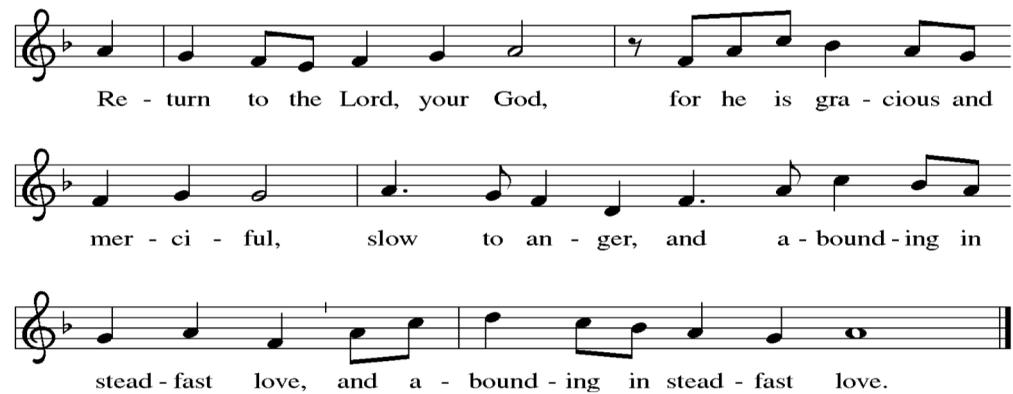
PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

PSALM Psalm 27

SECOND READING Phillipians 3:17-4:1

LENTEN VERSE



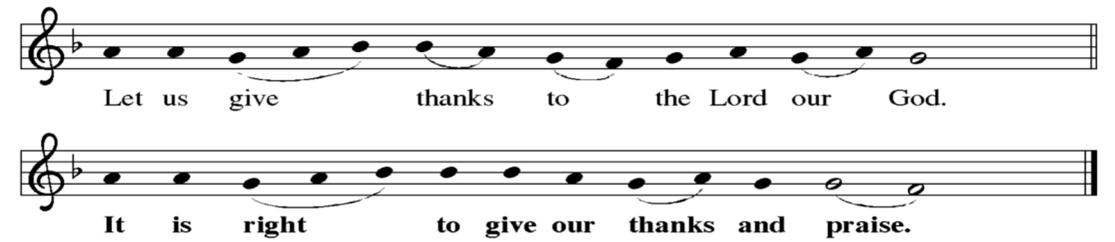
Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

SPECIAL MUSIC (9:30 am) God So Loved the World John Stainer

SERMON *Pastor Josh Johnson*

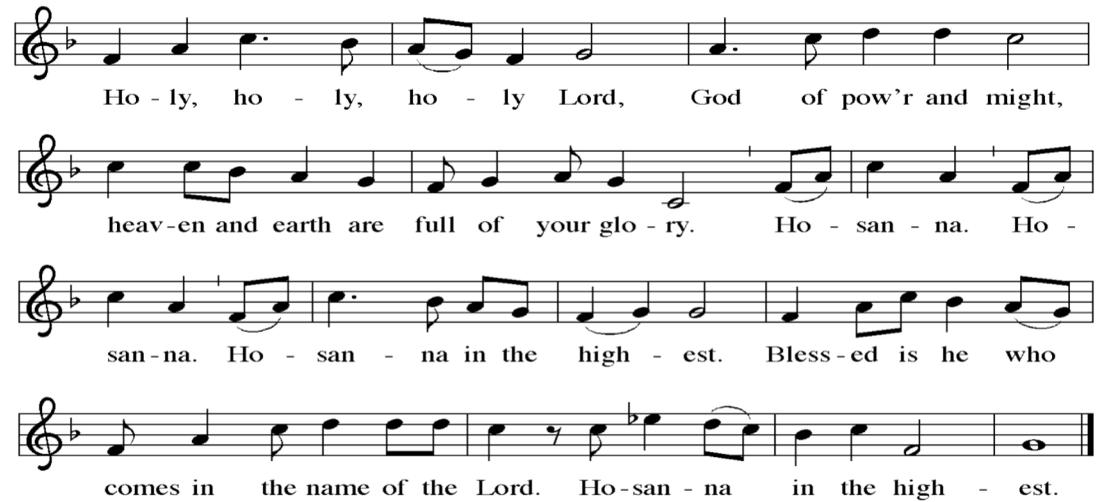
HYMN 323 *"God Loved the World"*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:
- ☑ **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,**

APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole Church on Earth, we confess our faith.

C **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 GOD'S PEOPLE (Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**)

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C **And also with you**

We share a sign of peace

OFFERING

We give with joy in our hearts, we give and sing joyfully. We give because we know the amazing ways God works through our congregation to make a difference in the community and around the world. Simply scan this QR code to give online.



OFFERTORY

A Lenten Prayer

Carl Schalk

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.