

The Second Sunday of

LENT

March 16, 2025



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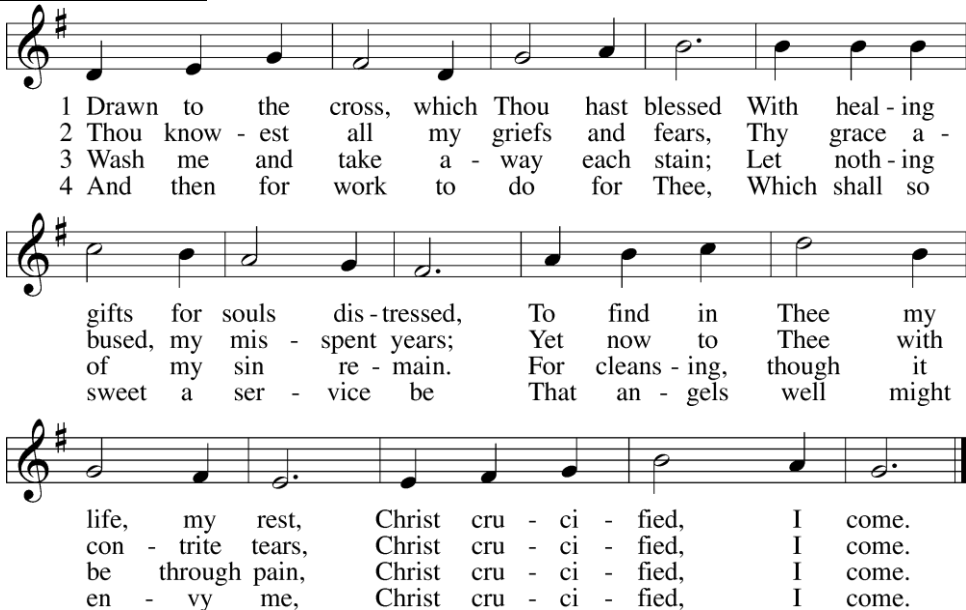
PRELUDE

"Variations on 'Jesus, Priceless Treasure'" *Johann Gottfried Walther*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Drawn to the Cross"

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1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 4:1,3*

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

People: **You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

Pastor: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

People: **the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God's people in Jeremiah's day refused to hear His Word, and the leaders of Jerusalem rejected our Lord, the Word in the flesh, as He approached the city. We must confess that too often we have rejected His lordship over us in our journey through life. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our merciful heavenly Father.

Pastor: O Lord our God,
People: **we confess that we have sought to keep You out of our lives, separating ourselves from both Your will and Your grace. We have set our minds on earthly things. So often our thoughts, words, and actions find us as "enemies of the cross of Christ" (*Philippians 3:18b*). Do not reject us; rather for the sake of Jesus and His sacrifice, have mercy on us so that we may come to the joys of Your heavenly Jerusalem.**

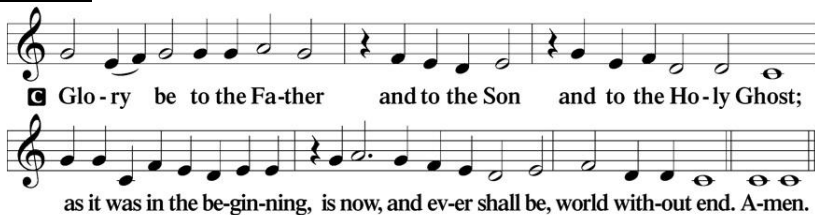
Pastor: As a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings, so our Lord would gather us, protecting us from the craftiness of the devil and his breed. Jesus has taken on Himself the abuse we deserve and now offers us full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

Pastor/Choir: For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt. Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary.

THE GLORIA PATRI



THE KYRIE *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

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♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The hymn of praise is omitted during the season of Lent.

THE SALUTATION *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Merciful Lord, because of Your mercy, we pray, deliver us from our pride and arrogance and bring us to repentance, that we may know the refuge of Your mercy, be comforted with a clear conscience through the forgiveness of sins, and serve in the obedience of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: **♪ Amen.**

† THE WORD †

On this Second Sunday in Lent, we are reminded that the Lord is rich in mercy and willing to forgive our sins and save us by His grace, but we are not always ready to approach Him in the humility of faith and with a heart of repentance. From the prophet Jeremiah comes the story of how the Word of the Lord was met with rejection, anger, and rebellion. In Philippians, a sorrowful Paul recounts the story of those who once believed but now walk as enemies of the Lord. In the Gospel, we hear the lament of the Lord who wanted to gather His people under the arms of His mercy, but they would not.

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 26:8-15

(The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)

⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves

and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17-4:1

(St. Paul speaks with great regret over those who have lost faith in Jesus and become enemies of the Gospel.)

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @10:30am

"When Jesus Wept"

William Billings

arr. Karl Osterland; The Cathedral Choir

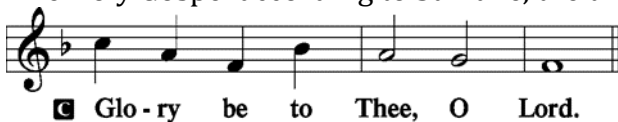
HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

(Jesus' mercy finds rejection and rebellion instead of resolute faith.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

People:



³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and

you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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 everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

SERMON

"Make Lent Different"

Luke 13:34

*Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“Meditation”
(Organ Symphony No. 1)

Charles-Marie Widor

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.


9am continues with the Benediction

† The Order of Holy Communion †

@10:30am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 

☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People: 

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts and minds we may be gathered into Your presence and joyfully celebrate at Your Table in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

"The Old Rugged Cross"

1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de-spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine,
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true,
 the em-blem of suf-f'ring and shame;
 has a won-drous at-trac-tion for me;
 a won-drous beau-ty I see;
 its shame and re-proach glad-ly bear;
 and I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo-ry a-bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-f'ered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a-way,
 for a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
 to . . . bear it to dark Cal-va-ry.
 to . . . par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.
 where his glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

Refrain
 So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, till my
 tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug-ged
 cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
 people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Glory to You, O Lord, for the mercy You have shown to us, for the Word
 spoken in our midst, and for the Sacrament upon which we are fed the

body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As You have gathered us here, we pray You to continue to gather Your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and shelter us in the comfort of Your love forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 4:6, Num. 6:24*

Pastor: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?

People: **Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
 ♪ A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

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1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
 Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
 The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
 In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
 We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
 And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor"

attr. J. S. Bach