For I know the plans
I have for you, declares the Lord...
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Jeremiah 29:11

4th Sunday in Lent

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Making Christ Known Through His Gospel

Mercy of God Grace of God In the Forgiveness of God

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What is the Lord's Supper?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and the wine, for Christians to eat and to drink. Jesus himself started this practice. The Lord's Supper assures Christians of the forgiveness of our sins and draws us closer to the Lord and His people. If you believe this and are baptized, please come join us at the Altar today for the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions about The Lord's Supper or your participation, please see Pastor.

Please note in the communion tray
The darker colored cups contain wine.
The center lighter cups contain grape juice.

We encourage you to bring your children to the Alter. If they have not been confirmed in the faith or a not baptized, please have them cross the arms across their chest for a blessing.

WELCOME to our worship service this morning.

We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith your family. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. However, we do present the entire service on the front screen for you convenience. Also, Quiet Bags (for our very young worshipers) are available at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 3:16

P: God so loved the world,

C: that He gave His only Son,

- P: that whoever believes in Him should not perish
- C: but have eternal life.
- P: Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,
- C: and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

Silence for reflection.

- P: Heavenly Father,
- C: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.
- P: Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. 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.
- C: Amen. We are forgiven by the genuine love of Jesus.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1

- P: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
- C: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

- One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: P: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my C:
- 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; P:
- he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me C: high upon a rock.

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.

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? P:
- The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be C: afraid?

KYRIE

- Lord, have mercy P:
- C: Christ, have mercy
- P: Lord, have mercy

SALUTATION

- P: The Lord be with you.
- And also with you. C:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4–9

(Moses lifts up the bronze serpent to save the people of Israel.)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Dawn: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1–9; antiphon: v. 19

Dawn: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Dawn: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

C: whom he has redeemed from trouble

Dawn: and gathered in from the lands,

C: from the east and from the west,

from the north and from the south.

Dawn: Some wandered in desert wastes,

C: finding no way to a city to dwell in;

Dawn: hungry and thirsty,

C: their soul fainted within them.

Dawn: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C: and he delivered them from their distress.

Dawn: He led them by a straight way

C: till they reached a city to dwell in.

Dawn: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

C: for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Dawn: For he satisfies the longing soul,

C: and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1–10 (We are saved by grace through faith.)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Dawn: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

John 3:16

P: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14–21 (God so loved the world.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God So Loved the World

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.





GOD'S MESSAGE

† NICENE CREED †

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Lord Jesus Christ, as we come before You with our prayers and petitions, we thank You for Your genuine love, and we pray, Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, show Your love to all those who have experienced broken families, homes, and churches. Surround them with Your love and with people who will love them as You love them. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, extend Your love to all those who have abandoned the faith. Strengthen us to lovingly invite them toward Your genuine love for the world. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your earthly life You experienced the death of those You loved. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in such grief. Point them to the hope of eternal life with You. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are single. Encourage them with the love of friends and family. Provide caring people to remind them that they are not alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared many good works for us to do in our earthly lives. Give us courage to do those good works with joy, expecting nothing in return, knowing we are saved by grace alone. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.
- P: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
- C: with more fervent love for You.

We Open our Hearts to you...

P: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised in love to hear our prayers; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.





† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

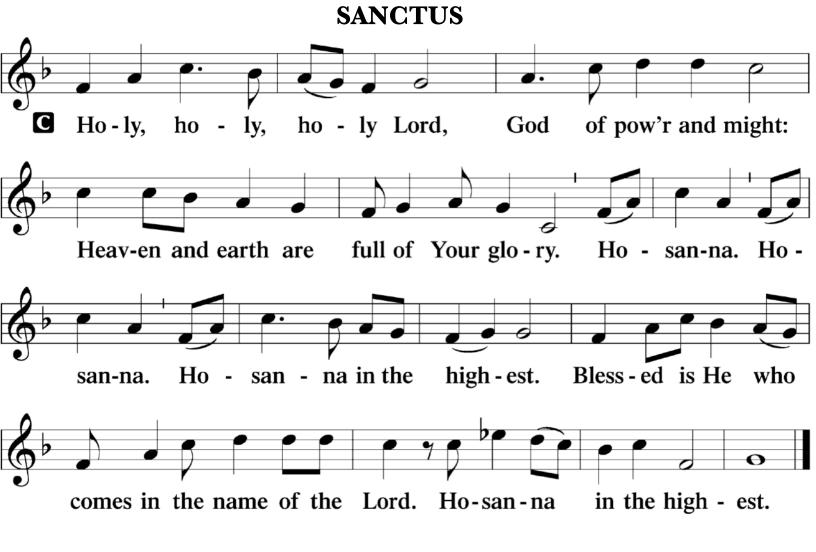
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: 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 we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast 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 singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P:

All:

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

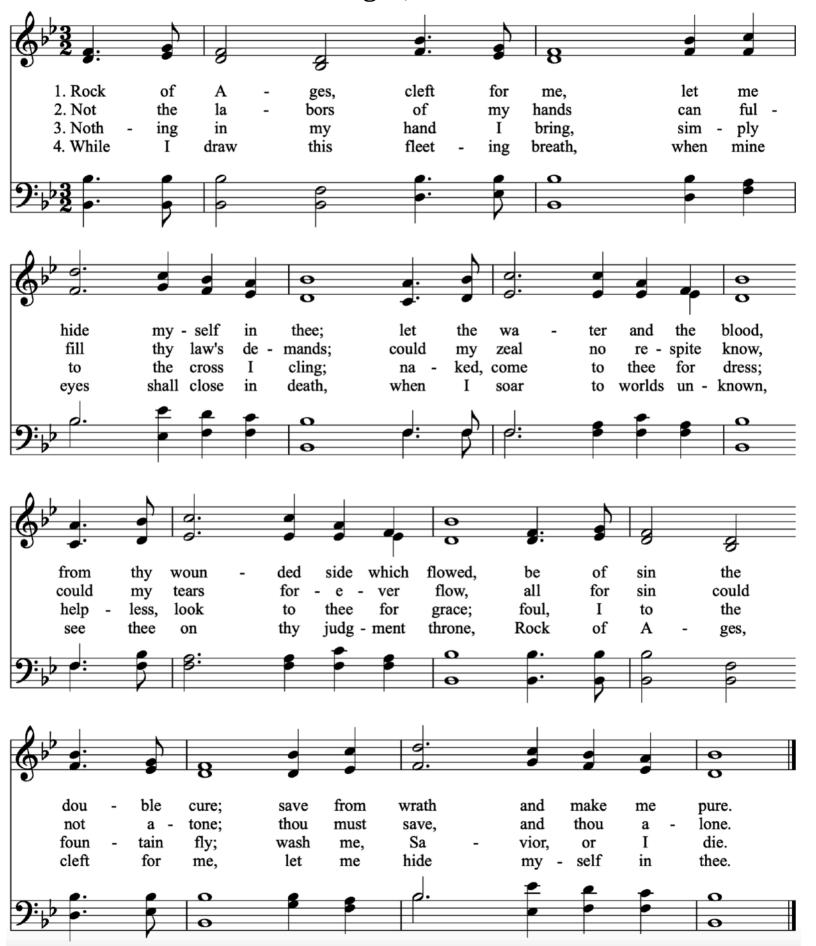
C: Amen.

Where Christ comes to us to nourish the faith of Christians and the church.

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

As Performed by Previn Hudetz

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTIMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: 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.

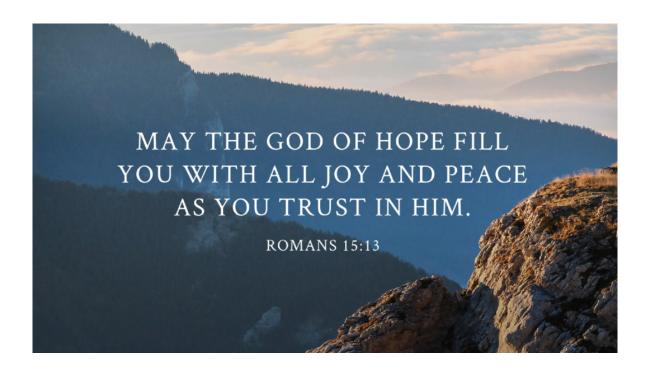
C: Amen.





P: Go in peace and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks Be to God







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