

Music Edition
MISSION SERVICE
MARCH 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SHOEBOX SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:

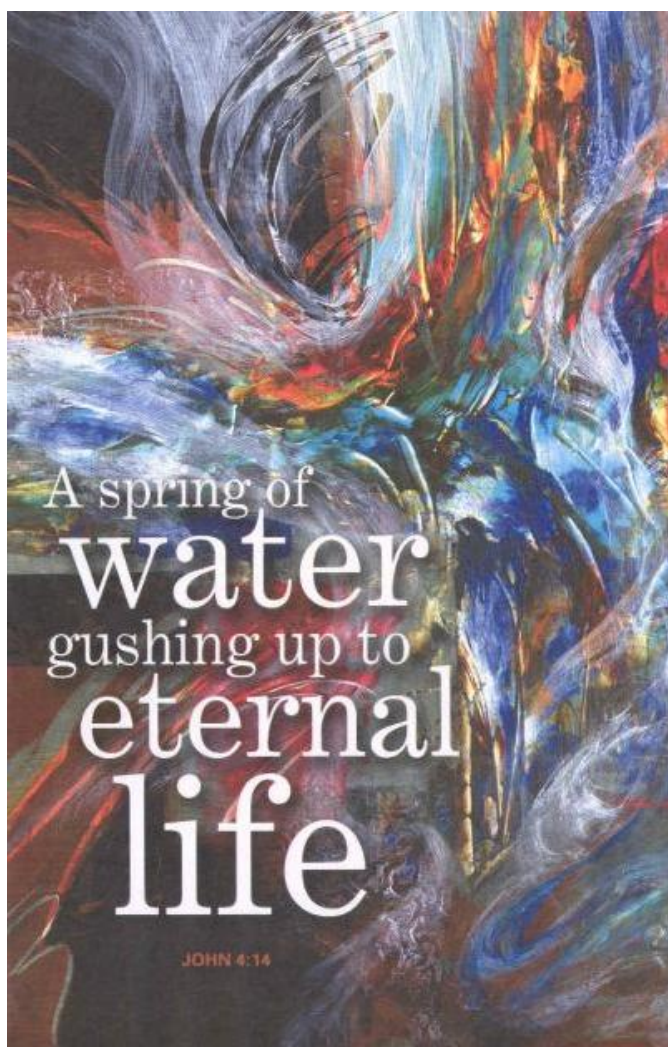
Send Your grace upon us, O God. Sanctify us and turn our thoughts toward holiness, so that with a pure conscience we may offer to You the sacrifice of praise, through the mercy and compassion of Your only, begotten Son. AMEN.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



COMMEMORATION

Gregory the Great, bishop of Rome (c. 540–604) Gregory was born into a politically influential family. At one time he held political office and at another time he lived as a monk, all before he was elected to the papacy. Gregory’s work was extensive. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. He established a school to train church musicians, and Gregorian chant is named in his honor. He wrote a treatise underscoring what is required of a parish pastor serving a congregation. He sent missionaries to preach to the Anglo-Saxons who had invaded England. And at one time he organized distribution of grain during a shortage of food in Rome. Gregory’s life serves as an example of the link between liturgy and social justice. His Lenten hymn, O Christ, our King, Creator, Lord”(SBH # 62) sings of God’s grace flowing out from the cross to all creation.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 95:6-11 (*congregation: indented*)

Come, let us bow down in worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,

the flock under His care.

Today, if you hear His voice,

do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,

as you did that day at Massah in the desert,

where your fathers tested and tried Me,

though they had seen what I did.

For forty years I was angry with that generation;

I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they have not known My ways.”

So I declared on oath in My anger,

“They shall never enter My rest.”

GATHERING HYMN (*Please rise.*)

“O Christ, our King, Creator, Lord” SBH # 62 2nd tune

1. O Christ, our King, Cre - a - tor, Lord, Sav-iour of all who trust thy Word,
2. In thy dear cross a grace is found—It flows from ev - ery stream-ing wound—
3. Thou didst cre - ate the stars of night; Yet thou hast veiled in flesh thy light,
4. When thou didst hang up - on the tree, The quak-ing earth ac-knowl-edged thee;
5. Now in the Fa-ther's glo - ry high, Great Con-queror, nev - er - more to die,
To them who seek thee ev - er near, Now to our prais-es bend thine ear.
Whose pow'r our in - bred sin con-trols, Breaks the firm bond, and frees our souls.
Hast deigned a mor - tal form to wear, A mor-tal's pain-ful lot to bear.
When thou didst there yield up thy breath, The world grew dark as shades of death.
Us by thy might-y pow'r de - fend, And reign through ag-es with-out end. A - MEN.

INVOCATION (= *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve You in newness of life. AMEN.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please stand.)*

P: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

KYRIE *(WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings bold)*

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

B Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

B Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

B Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, You quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of Your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 95:1-7 *(congregation: indented)*

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.
 For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
 In His hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to Him.
 The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hands formed the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
 for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture,
the flock under His care.

(Please sit.)

PRAISE SONG “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Majesty # 507

(favorite - Text: Thomas Hastings; Tune: Augustus M. Toplady)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided for three different verses.

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee;
2 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Could my zeal no lan-guor know,
3 While I draw this fi - nal breath, When my eyes shall close in death,

1 Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy wound-ed side which flowed,
2 These for sin could not a - tone— Thou must save, and Thou a - lone:
3 When I rise to worlds un - known, And be - hold Thee on Thy throne,

1 Be of sin the dou-ble cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
2 In my hand no price I bring, Sim-ply to Thy cross I cling.
3 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee. A - men.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN’S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGExodus 17:1-7.....Pg. 114

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING...Romans 5:1-21.....Pg. 1752

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“As the Deer Runs to the River” verse 1 (RW # 136)



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no
wea - ry from the chase, we have come from hurt and
stream or spring was seen, Mo - ses struck the rock, and
hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Music: KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS 8 7 8 7 8 7, Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

P: A dramatic reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the 4th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPELJohn 4:1-42..... Pg. 1651

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 2*

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON *“Personal Encounters With Jesus:
An Outcast—The Samaritan Woman”*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come to Me, All Pilgrim Thirsty” (RW # 267 verses 1,3-6)

1 “Come to me, all pil - grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
3 “Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
4 “Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.
5 “Come to me, dis - tressed and need - y; I would be your trust - ed friend.
6 “Come to me, a - ban - doned, or - phaned; lone - ly ways no long - er roam.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live.”
If you knew the gift I of - fer, you would turn and seek my face.”
If you knew di - vine com - pas - sion, you would turn and call my name.”
If you seek the gift I of - fer, come, your o - pen hands ex - tend.”
If you knew the gift I of - fer, you would make in me your home.”

Refrain
Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT Nelson Randolph

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: We pray to the Lord; C: Lord, have mercy.)

THE 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” (request) SBH # 436 2nd tune

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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Holy Cross to the glory of God

1 Re - jice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - jice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - jice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Sharon Branigan / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Faith Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Kathy Ballek

DRAMATIC GOSPEL: 8:30-Sharon Branigan / 10:45-Darlene Treisner

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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