



THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
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## As We Gather

Throughout biblical history, God used prophets to call His people to repentance with the promise of mercy. God’s mercy should encourage us to return to Him, but too often, the people of God have refused His care. That is the story of Jeremiah, who was sent by the Lord to speak His Word, warn His people of disaster if they refused Him, and promise mercy to all who repent. It is also our story. The Law warns us of the failure to confess our sins and the Gospel promises forgiveness to all who confess and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we pray the Lord to grant us hearts willing to hear His Word, confess our sins, believe in the forgiveness of Christ, and rejoice in this blessing all our days.

## Prelude

“God Himself is Present”

A. Beck

## Opening Hymn

“God Himself is Present”

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| <p>1 God Himself is present:<br/>Let us now adore Him<br/>And with awe appear before Him.<br/>God is in His temple;<br/>All within keep silence;<br/>Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.<br/>He alone<br/>On His throne<br/>Is our God and Savior;<br/>Praise His name forever!</p> <p>2 God Himself is present:<br/>Hear the harps resounding;<br/>See the hosts the throne surrounding.<br/>“Holy, holy, holy!”<br/>Hear the hymn ascending,<br/>Songs of saints and angels blending.</p> | <p>Bow Your ear<br/>To us here:<br/>Hear, O Christ, the praises<br/>That Your Church now raises.</p> <p>3 Fount of ev’ry blessing,<br/>Purify my spirit,<br/>Trusting only in Your merit.<br/>Like the holy angels,<br/>Worshiping before You,<br/>May I ceaselessly adore You.<br/>Let Your will<br/>Ever still<br/>Rule Your Church terrestrial<br/>As the hosts celestial.</p> <p><i>Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.</i><br/><i>Text: Public domain</i></p> |
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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 74:1*

**P** O God, why do You cast us off forever?

**C** Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

**P** May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

**C** that we may learn repentance.

*We pause to remember and repent of our sins before Almighty God*

- P** O Lord,
- C** **we poor sinners cry to You and beg for Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. We have not honored our Lord's name as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved God above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. May God be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I must also declare that as long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

## $\text{✝}$ WORD $\text{✝}$

### Introit

*Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

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

### Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. 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,
- C** **Amen.**

### Announcement of the Day

**Old Testament Reading**

✠ Jeremiah Threatened with Death ✠

*Jeremiah 26:8-15*

<sup>8</sup>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!  
<sup>9</sup>Why 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. <sup>10</sup>When 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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." <sup>12</sup>Then 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. <sup>13</sup>Now 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. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only 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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Anthem of Praise Duet**

"There is a Redeemer"

M. Green

**Epistle**

✠ Straining Toward the Goal ✠

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Holy Gospel**

✠ Lament over Jerusalem ✠

*Luke 13:31-35***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And 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. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, 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.' <sup>34</sup>O 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! <sup>35</sup>Behold, 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!'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

*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.

### Sermon Hymn

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

#735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,

For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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### Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

**Offering**—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at [www.stpauloaklawn.org](http://www.stpauloaklawn.org). For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

### Offertory Meditation

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

- 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

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer

- P** Hear us now as we pray together as He taught us,  
**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

### Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

### "What Is This Bread"

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| 1 | What is this bread?<br>Christ's body risen from the dead:<br>This bread we break,<br>This life we take,<br>Was crushed to pay for our release.<br>O taste and see—the Lord is peace. | Why have You not forsaken me?<br>O taste and see—the Lord is free.   |
| 2 | What is this wine?<br>The blood of Jesus shed for mine;<br>The cup of grace<br>Brings His embrace<br>Of life and love until I sing!<br>O taste and see—the Lord is King.             | 4 Yet is God here?<br>Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,<br>In mouth and soul<br>He makes us whole—<br>Christ, truly present in this meal.<br>O taste and see—the Lord is real. |
| 3 | So who am I,<br>That I should live and He should die<br>Under the rod?<br>My God, my God,  | 5 Is this for me?<br>I am forgiven and set free!<br>I do believe<br>That I receive<br>His very body and His blood.<br>O taste and see—the Lord is good.                          |

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- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.  
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### Communion Blessing

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

### Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. Come to the aid of Your people, O Lord, and turn us from our sin to Christ that we may live for You alone. Deliver unbelievers from the prison of darkness and the curse of death that through repentance they may gladly hear Your Word, confess their sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow, together with us, into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Benediction

- 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.

### Dismissal

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn****“Drawn to the Cross Which Thou Hast Blessed”**

#560

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast  
blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

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### **Announcements & Notes:**

***There is a signup sheet*** by the office door if you are able to bring something for Wednesday evening’s “Just Cuz” potluck supper. This will be the only “official” potluck during this year’s Lenten supper season. Of course, even if you’re not able to bring something, please come and enjoy - all are welcome!

***The deadline for ordering Easter flowers*** for the altar is April 4<sup>th</sup>. There is an order form in the current newsletter, but you’ll also find order forms on the counters in the narthex and the wings.

***Our St. Paul “Proclaim! Choir” is planning to start up again*** and we need YOU to join in! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the Wednesday evening service.

**Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:**

Betty Kruckow	Cathy Gleason
Dawn McNicholas	Janet Varnagis
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Laverne Abraham
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski	Beverly Sellers
Lenore Curran	Betty Beegle
Delphine Cherry	Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank	Deb Skopec
Herta Iversen	Loretta Frank
Jane & Freddie Giacobbe	Marge Rochlitz
Ron Hickey	Julie & Larry Gurga
Ingrid Lesko	Katherine Hice
Gloria Meyer	Jan Briede
Delores Stegemann	Connie Braun
Kurt Seehofer	The Polezoes Family
Lincoln & Parker Alex	Patricia Murdoch
Gloria Crook	Lois Kaminske
Patrick Buckley	Sue Lilja

***Special prayers***

*For Barb Feehan (friend of Deb Will)*

*For Robert Gonzalez (friend of Lorrie Ragland)*

**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.**

***Announcements & Notes:  
Are on the inside back cover  
of this bulletin***

**Please pray for these friends and family of our members:**

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Eric Kessler	Barb & Emily Feehan
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Kim Lamberth
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
Gloria Folsom	Autumn Kessler
Shirley Fairchild	Simeon Hoppe
Ron Lunt	Christopher Kosary
Sandy Plath	Iris McCoy
Shirley Demyres	Raquel Rameriz
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Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
Charley Heitz	Sharon Bryant
Doris Potts	Brad Benfield
Doreen Holford	Janice Hernandez
Judy Collins	Phyllis Hicks
Maryann Krieg (Wilke)	Katherine Zeleny
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.	Knox Christensen
Cathy Becker	Ken Matz
Jean & Al Zirbel	Heather & Josh Turro
Donna Patri	Skip Sorensen
Joe Thomas	Patrick Pasqua Sr.
Logan Bliss	Debbie Guarascio
Justin & Ashley Fasel	Frank Coglinase
Nora Maculitis	Gene Wawrzynikowski
Beckham Klintworth	Sophia Salus
Kimberly Rooney	Brian Anderson
Joe Kelley	