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*We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. We are all God's guests as we gather here. In worship, we are drawn to the goodness of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. If you are seeking a community in which to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to consider St. Paul's.
May God guide us as we worship, learn, share, and serve.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Setting 3

(The congregation stands)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

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

(Assembly kneels or stands as able. Silence is kept for reflection)

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

The God of Abraham Praise

1. **The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love--
"I Am the One I Am"-- by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**
2. **The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
I all on earth forsake-- its wisdom, fame, and pow'r--
and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.**
3. **The God of Abr'ham praise! Your all-sufficient grace
shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways.
You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.**
4. **Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.**

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GREETING

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

People: And also with you.

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,

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: We pray together ...

People: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Worship Assistant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:5-11

Sung to the tune of "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" – ELW 517

- 1. One thing alone I ask of God:
To dwell in his most holy place,
To seek him in his sacred courts
And see his beauty face to face.**

- 2. For he, when times of trouble come,
Shall hide me in his secret place
And set me high upon a rock
Above my foes and keep me safe.**

- 3. He lifts my head above my foes,
Therefore I make my offering;
With sounds of gladness I will come,
Make music to the Lord and sing.**

- 4. Hearken, my Savior, when I call;
Have mercy on me, answer me;
You say, "Seek me," within my heart;
Your face will I seek constantly.**

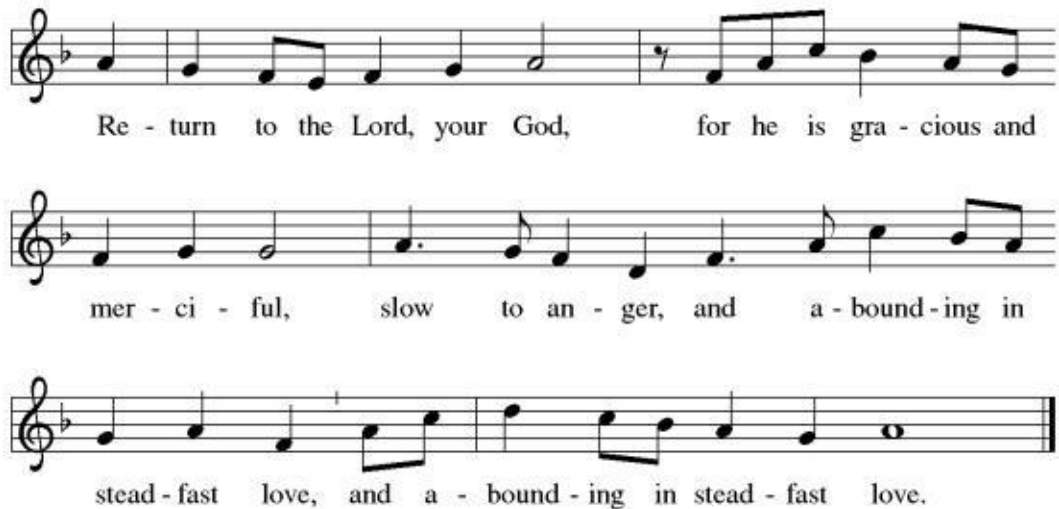
Second Reading

Philippians 3:17--4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Worship Assistant: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistant: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.



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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON ~ Pastor Rich Donoughue

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

- 1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.**

- 2. So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.**

- 3. If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.**

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APOSTLES' CREED

People:

**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.**

(Kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence, followed by petitions which end...)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*Please say a prayer for someone on the prayer list below and on next page
when the Pastor offers a brief silence to pray for all of those on our hearts and on our lips:*

Barbara McKenzie

Donna Frank

Tripp Emmert

Tim Stuhr

Joan Hodge

Kevin McGuire

Earl Fischer

Bob Curry

Gary Dobson

Michael Hoover

Ryan Whitlock

John Peecksen

Billie Lewis

Roy Kimbrell

Jim Gamble

Earl Anne Hair

Cindy Kimbrell

Please pray for the following friends and family today and throughout the week!

- Bayer, Josh – Family of Jessica Glasser
- Brindle, Joe, Paula Hoffman, Joan Puryear, Rudy Weth – Judy Snyder's friends
- Brown, Frederick – Friend of St. Paul's Church
- Bryant, Karen Lynn – Daughter in law of Bob and Jane Bryant
- Card, Sr., Frank W. – Father of Connie Herman
- Clay, Janie & Buddy – Family of Marie All
- Clark Family – Family of Steve & Bonnie Redmond
- Coleman, David & Kim, Fred Moss – Friends of Carolyn Doig
- Coleman, Madison – Family of Neal & Betsy Cormany
- Featherston, Norman – Father of Pastor Christi
- Frank, Karen, Eric Frank, Melanie Frank, Alison Burmeister and Bill Burmeister – Family of Donna Frank
- Frier, Linda Wulbern – Friend of Carolyn Doig
- Gale Storm, Roberta (Bobbie) – friend of Joan Hodge & Carolyn Doig
- Harkins, Caroline – Daughter of Ken and Kay Harkins
- L'Abbe, Carol – Family of Bev Whitney
- Johnson, Mike & Char – Family of Billie Lewis
- Johnson, Evangeline – Friends of Jessica Glasser
- Leamond, Pat & Julian – Friends of Chip & Betsy Cappelmann
- Lewis, Donnie – Cliff Lewis's brother
- Martin, Harmon – Caroline Mauney's friend
- Monts, Resa and Doug – Freesi Nelson's parents
- Moses, Martha, Anna Spence – Family of Caroline Mauney
- Mott, Derrek, Katherine & Brennan – Friends of Michael Hair and Molly Hair
- Nash, Karen & Jack – Cousins of Roy Kimbrell
- Nathan, Joann – Billie Lewis's aunt
- Nixon, Nancy – Friend of Caroline Mauney
- Parker, Tracey – Judy Nelson's sister
- Prescher, Ken and Dianna, Sherri Kaekwarf – Friends of Steve & Bonnie Redmond
- Rhoden, Rachel – Daughter in law of Helena Moore Bradford, Cousin of Roy Kimbrell
- Shellnutt, Tiffany & Homer – friends of Joann & Roy Kimbrell
- Thibodeau, Brad, Alma Kiser, Carolyn Walters, Theresa Murray, April Daley, Carole Hutchison – Bryants
- Tiller, John – Family of Beau & Tina Carter
- Umbaugh, Brent, Tiffany & Landon – Friends of Micheal & Molly Hair
- Waddell, Tom & Betty Ann – Friends of Barbara McKenzie
- Waki, Erin Whitney, John Whitney – Daughter & son of Bev Whitney
- Westcoat, Nikki – Sister in law of Joan Hodge
- Whisner, Deb – Friend of Carolyn Doig
- Zeigler, Patricia – sister of Jane Bryant

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **People: Amen.**

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord)

Peace be with you. R: Peace be with you.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

(Sit)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

(Stand)

ELW 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **People: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Said

People:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Please come, all is ready.

People: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say, Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 146

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

(Stand)

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Restore in Us, O God



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Remember the poor.

People: Thanks be to God.