

**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

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## The Last Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

“I sing the almighty power of God”

Hymnal #398

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated*

### First Lesson

(Isaiah 43:16-21)

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 126

*The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.*



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.     ***Antiphon***

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.     ***Antiphon***

<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.     ***Antiphon***

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## The Second Lesson

*(Philippians 3:4-14)*

*Reader:* A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn            “Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

Hymnal #546

## The Gospel

*(John 12:1-8)*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus'

feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Eggert

The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

**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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic 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.**

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

Let us pray to the Lord  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### The Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says the following*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Minister may then say the following sentence, first saying*  
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

The Peace      *All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory the following sentence of Scripture:*

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother or sister hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. *Matthew 5:23,24*

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving





*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

Communion Hymn

“Let thy Blood in mercy poured”

Hymnal #313

Post-communion Prayer

*Please kneel or stand*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

*People* **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Celebrant* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## Prayer over the People

*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Priest says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Priest says the prayer*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know thee more fully, and to serve thee with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

“In the cross of Christ I glory”

Hymnal #441

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

## **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE:** Roger Mertins

**ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Bruno

**FIRST READER:** Becky Turk

**SECOND READER:** Mabel DuPriest

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Hazel Dickfoss

**CANTOR:** Jim Cook

**SUPPLY ORGHANIST:** Jim Sodke

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Chris Schatzman

**USHERS:** Gregory Rawlinko, David Groth

**COFFEE HOUR:** Birthday Sunday

**NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR:** St. Monica's Guild

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **For our Parish**

#### **For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie,  
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Michele, Gregory, Maria  
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne, Al

#### **For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:**

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee  
Hospitality Center  
Racine Vocational Ministry  
The DeKoven Center

#### **For the Church: In the World**

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

#### **Thanksgiving for Birthday: Sara**

#### **For Those who have Departed**

Neil Loomis

## **Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

### **Easter Flower and Music Donations**

Donations are now being accepted for Easter altar flowers and worship music. This is a lovely way to remember, honor, or give thanks for loved ones or blessings. Please send donations to the church office or place in the Sunday collection and write 'Flowers', 'Music', or 'Flowers and Music' on the memo line of the check. Please also enclose a note listing the memorial or thanksgiving that the donation is being given for as these will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

### **Choir for Easter Sunday**

A 'pick-up' choir will gather to sing on Easter Day, April 20. All who enjoy singing are welcome, even if you have ever previously sung in a choir. There will a few opportunities to rehearse together:

- Sunday, April 13 following worship
- Sunday, April 20 at 9:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, speak to John Weit after worship or reach him at [john.e.weit@gmail.com](mailto:john.e.weit@gmail.com) or 508-963-7327.

### **Holy Week and Easter Day Worship**

April 13 at 10am - Palm Sunday and Reading of the Passion

April 17 at 6pm - Maundy Thursday:

Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing  
Agape Meal to follow

April 18 at 12:15pm - Good Friday Liturgy

April 19 at 5pm - Easter Vigil at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church

Renewal of baptismal vows

April 20 at 10am - Easter Sunday:

Lighting of Paschal Candle  
Holy Eucharist

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**L**ent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. Mother Teresa

