



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday in Lent Worship

9:30am

March 3, 2024

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR
WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Today’s reading from Romans begins, “Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). This peace includes what we usually think of as peace: the absence of animosity and warfare. Yet this peace goes even deeper. The peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ is like the peace of a two-year-old asleep and draped over her mother’s shoulder—she trusts her mother, letting her limp body completely rely on her. This same kind of peace caused Paul to sing hymns while imprisoned. There is a lot to be anxious, restless, and disturbed about in our world today—wars, family strife, hatred—yet in the midst of it all, the gift of peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ sustains us. Augustine famously wrote, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” Lent is the Church’s invitation to the world to rest in Jesus, to find peace in the gift of being justified by faith, and thereby to experience the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding.

Preservice and Postlude Music *by Wenzel Schwarz*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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

G Amen.

Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

**CHORUS: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord **CHORUS**

TAG: That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

BRIDGE: Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working **CHORUS**

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Opening Sentences

Based on 1 Corinthians 1:24–25 and 1 Corinthians 8:2–3

- P** Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- C** **The foolishness of God is wiser than men,**
- P** and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- C** **If anyone imagines that he knows something,**
- P** he does not yet know as he ought to know.
- C** **But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.**

Beautiful Savior

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, through Your servant Moses long ago, You gave the Ten Commandments to reveal Your will for our way of life. Like the Israelites of old, we fail to hear and to do. By the power of the cross, drive out from our hearts, minds, and lives whatever would draw us away from You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8

L The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

C **The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

L Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

C **There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**

L Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun,

C **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

- ℓ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- © **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**
- ℓ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- © **the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- ℓ Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- © **Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
- ℓ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
- © **The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

ℓ This is the Word of the Lord.

© **Thanks be to God.**

Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

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Apostles' Creed

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
And 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. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Verse and Gradual

Hebrews 12:2; John 2:19

- P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
C **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,**
P and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
C **Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–25

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sermon – “God’s Will, His Commandments and the Temple of Your Heart”

A. The Ten Commandments are God’s revealed and perfect will...and were given to us by God for our protection. He WANTS us to experience the joy, peace and full life He alone gives! And it is ONLY in a relationship with Him in which all this and more is found!

1. True freedom and peace only exists within God’s boundaries!
2. The Ten Commandments were given to us by God for our protection. They are divided into two tables (parts)
 - a. First three are deal with our relationship to God
 - b. Final 7 deal with our relationship to others

B. The Temples of Our Hearts...

[1 Corinthians 3:16-17] “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20] Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1. What distractions come between us and God?
2. Jesus allows the temple of His own body to be beaten and nailed upon a cross for you.
3. Jesus’ resurrection in our certain hope that our hearts are cleansed by Him.
4. Those who trust Jesus as Saviour are now children of God.
 - a. God speaks to us through His Word read, taught, and preached
 - b. We speak with Him in prayer
 - c. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and drives us to repentance, then gives us comfort as His children and receive continuous forgiveness.
 - d. The 10 Commandments are now a get-to-do and the fruit of the Gospel taking a foothold in our souls.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Confession and Absolution

Based on Psalm 51:4; 1 Corinthians 1:27–31

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

C **Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**

P We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

C **Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**

P We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C **Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**

P We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

C **Against You, O Lord, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

C **Amen.**

P God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are. He is the source of your life in Christ, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

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.**

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Prayer of the Church

P As God's chosen ones, beloved sons and daughters of God, hearts cleansed by Jesus' blood, let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church throughout the world, that all sin and causes of offense may be cast out of our lives by the power of the cross, so that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For people of every language and nation in the world, that all may be delivered from warfare, oppression, and violence, and live in the peace and safety God intends for His creatures. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

MEN – For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, that they may defend the innocent, maintain justice, and establish peace. Comfort and guide the families of those who are deployed far away. By the death and resurrection of Your Son, reconcile us with our enemies that all may bear witness to Your power and peace. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For those who are sick, facing surgery, or convalescing, that their sickness may be turned to health, and that they may experience the love of God through our care and concern. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

MEN – For all who travel, whether for business or pleasure, that their journeys may be safe. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For guests in worship today, that Christ bless their hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

MEN – For the people of this congregation, that this Lenten season may lead us ever closer to God and to know more fully the mercy of Jesus for us and for the world. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

WOMEN – For those who have gone before us in faith and have died, we give thanks. When our days on earth come to a close, bring us to that place of never-ending praise, worship, and thanks to You in heavenly splendor. Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

P Known by God even from our mothers' wombs and redeemed by blood of Jesus, we entrust our prayers to the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

**C 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.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

***CHORUS: Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever***

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise ***CHORUS***

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Benediction

P Christ Jesus is the power of God and the wisdom of God. With hearts cleansed by the cross of Jesus, you are set free to love and serve the Lord.

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.

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