

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

GROW IN FAITH. LIVE IN HOPE. SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 5, 2023 + 10:30 A.M.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP IN GOD'S NAME

Please observe a reverent silence in the church before the liturgy.

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to use the following prayer for meditation.

Lord, help me to listen to my life.

Let me see it for the fathomless mystery that it is.

In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness:

let me touch, taste, smell my way to the holy and hidden heart of it

because in the last analysis all moments are key moments,

and life itself is grace.

—Adapted from Frederick Buechner (1926–2022)

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

*At the tolling of the bell, please stand, all who are able, as the procession enters the church.
Silence is kept for a space.*

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God's mercy endures for ever.

DECALOGUE *Kneeling, all who are able.*

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN *Remain kneeling.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a space.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

TRISAGION *Standing.*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

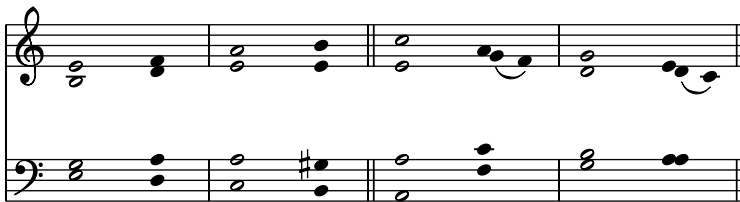
A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1–4a).

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: James Frazier (b. 1947)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:1–5, 13–17).

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “How firm a foundation” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

Optional Interlude



—Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.
Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:1-17).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Katherine Smithwick and Anna Calhoun for Children's Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

NICENE CREED *Standing—all who are able.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: As we journey these forty days of Lent, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Our help comes from you, O Lord, who have made heaven and earth."

For your Church throughout the world, that its members may be bound together in your love and share your reconciling Word with all people. Our help comes from you, O Lord,

People: Who have made heaven and earth.

Leader: For this nation and those with the responsibility of leadership, that they may be guided by the Christ of justice, mercy, and humility. Our help comes from you, O Lord,

People: Who have made heaven and earth.

Leader: For the whole human family, that all might know the comfort of enough and be led by the Spirit in unity and peace. Our help comes from you, O Lord,

People: Who have made heaven and earth.

Leader: For all for whom Knoxville is home, and especially for this community of Good Samaritan. We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays. May their faith be strengthened and your will for them made clear. Our help comes from you, O Lord,

People: Who have made heaven and earth.

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Leader: For those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we know to pray: for all whose lives are devastated by poverty, injustice, instability, disease, or disaster, especially for all in Syria and Turkey affected by the earthquakes in the region; for all those facing adversity; those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, those we hold in our hearts; and those whose needs are known to you alone, that they may experience your comfort and healing. We pray for...

ED Archer	KATHY Gray	THE RICHARDS
ANNE Bender	BONNIE Honaker	FAMILY
BEVERLY Burns	MARGE Hudson	SHAROLYN Sprigg
JOANNE Calhoun	PATRICK & SUSAN	THE STAPLETON
PETER Calvert	Hundley	FAMILY
YVONNE Coulson	ANN McClain	LO & PHIL Starck
GAIL Cox	DON McConnell	THE TERNES
THE CROOK	KENT Parish	FAMILY
FAMILY	FISHER Patrick	ROGER Tivedo
MARY Davis	MEGAN Quigley	ALICE & FRED
DANA & DEWELL	MARILYN Randall	Wegmann
Downey	KRISSA Randolph	and
DOUG Emblar	LIZ Rea	MICHELLE Welsh
TERRY Finnerty	NANCYE Reeder	

Leader: Our help comes from you, O Lord,
 People: Who have made heaven and earth.

Leader: For all those who have died, that they may rest in your eternal kingdom. Our help comes from you, O Lord,
 People: Who have made heaven and earth.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

God So Loved the World

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
That whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.
God so loved the world.

—Words: John 3:16–17
Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

HYMN “Bread of the world” *Standing; everyone sings.*



Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

—Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826).

Music: *Rendez a Dieu*, melody attr. Louis Bourgeois (1510–1561).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Everyone sings:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. Everyone sings:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

INVITATION

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

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless” *Everyone sings.*

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

— Words: Louis F. Benson (1855–1930)
Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631;
harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)

HYMN "Breathe on me, Breath of God" *Everyone sings.*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes.

—Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)
Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note chord of G2, Bb2, and D3. The lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise' are written below the notes. The bass line (bass clef) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has notes for 'God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye'. The bass line continues with accompaniment.

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has notes for 'heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The bass line continues with accompaniment.

—Words: Thomas Ken, (1637–1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

This ancient form of blessing is given during Lent:

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with always. *Amen.*

HYMN "Jesus, lover of my soul" *Standing; everyone sings.*

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn "Jesus, lover of my soul". Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery

fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me

still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,

(continued)

till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
 free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -

ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

—Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1783), alt.
 Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
 People: Thanks be to God.

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