

Worship Leader Edition
Second Sunday of Lent
Acts of Discipleship: REPENTANCE

February 28, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Stephanie*)

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

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 have not loved ourselves as you love us. 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. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Glories of Your Name Are Spoken”

LBW #358

Verse 1

Glories of your name are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

Verse 2

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint, while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Verse 3

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring
Showing that the Lord is near.

Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Verse 4

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.

Fading are the world-ling's pleasures
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING (*Pam Lienke*)

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He 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. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, 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! See, 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.”’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

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Verse 1

Jesus, still lead on, til our rest be won;
And, although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Verse 2

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o’ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe to our home we go.

Verse 3

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Verse 4

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
Heav’nly leader, still direct us,
Still direct us, still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in the promised land.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

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

L: Hear us, O God,

C: your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

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.

SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Restore in Us, O God”

ELW #328

Verse 1

Restore in us, O God,
The splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts,
And all our sins remove.

Verse 2

O Spirit, wake in us
The wonder of your pow'r;
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives
Like spring-time bud and flow'r.

Verse 3

Bring us, O Christ
The fullness of your joy;
Baptize us in the risen life
That death cannot destroy.

Verse 4

Three-personed God, fulfill
The promise of your grace,
That we, when all our searching ends,
May see you face to face.

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE