

Worship Leader Edition  
First Sunday of Lent  
Jesus Promises Living Water

March 6, 2022

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Rob*)

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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW #423

**Verse 1**

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide for ever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain**

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

**Verse 2**

On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

**Refrain**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: Holy and loving God, your son proclaimed living water to all who are thirsty. We are thirsty, Lord. Quench our thirst with your living water and heal our souls.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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FIRST READING (*Bette Gamboni*)

Isaiah 55:1-3

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37-52

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.' Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"As the Deer Runs to the River"

ELW #331

**Verse 1**

As the deer runs to the river,  
Parched and weary from the chase,  
We have come from hurt and hurry,  
Thirsting for your healing grace.

**Refrain**

Jesus, source of living water,  
May we drink of you and live!

**Verse 2**

When your Israel crossed the desert  
Where no stream or spring was seen,  
Moses struck the rock, and water flowed  
For them, refreshing, clean.

**Refrain**

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Greg Hornicke*)

**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.**

**Verse 3**

"Come and drink," Isaiah summoned,  
"All who for God's mercy plead!  
God's forgiveness, like a fountain,  
Flows to satisfy your need."

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Christ, we come from desert places,  
Deepest thirst unsatisfied.  
Lead us to the waters flowing  
From the cross on which you died.

**Refrain**

+THE PRAYERS (*Greg Hornicke*)

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

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

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Pastor Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come to the Water”  
*St. Luke's Choir*

*Tom Witt*

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Horatius Bonar/  
J. Jefferson Cleveland*

**Verse 1**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest, and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast."

**Verse 2**

With pitying eyes the Prince of Peace  
Beheld our helpless grief, our grief;  
He saw, and oh, amazing love!  
He came to our relief.

**Refrain**

Shine on me, shine on me,  
Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.  
Oh, shine on me, shine on me,  
Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

**Refrain**

DISMISSAL (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Flowers today:*

*In honor of Marc Dunham for*

*Snow cleaned sidewalks and a well lit, warm Sanctuary!*