

March 7-8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent  
*Holy Communion*

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND (u) PASSING OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP                    "LEAD ME LORD"**

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
Make thy way plain before my face.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
- C** have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- P** God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
- C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN "COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"**

- 1** Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the\_ hope of endless glo - ry  
fills my\_ heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 3** Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to\_ wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to\_ leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **GREETING**

- P** From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

## **KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy; have mer – cy. O Lord.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray together.
- C** Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## **ANTHEM**

## LESSON OF THE DAY

Exodus 17:1-7

### The lesson begins:

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**P The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 95 (1-7) – RESPONSIVE

**P Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

**C Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

**P For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

**C In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

**P The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

**C Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

**P for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

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## ACCLAMATION

**Return to the Lord, your\_ God, for he is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## GOSPEL

**John 4:5-42**

**P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.**

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do

know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**c Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**SERMON**

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**SERMON RESPONSE      "O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE"**

**O\_ God, who gives us\_ life and breath,  
Who shapes us in\_ the womb,  
Who\_ guards our lives from birth to death,  
Then\_ leads\_ us from the tomb:  
Deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you,  
Help us to know your\_ Spirit still  
Is\_ mak – ing all things new.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**P    Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**C    I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A    Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.**

*A brief silence.*

**A Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, your living water. Sometimes we don't realize how thirsty we are. Sometimes what we drink makes us even thirstier. Thank you that Jesus provides what we need most – your goodness, love, forgiveness, and life – in the most spiritually digestible form: Himself. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**A Make your Church a place where your living water flows. Use it to quench the thirst, heal the hearts, and cleanse the souls of people dying for lack of your love. Make it always share your holy Word so that many may hear, and come to believe, that your Son is the Savior of the world. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**A We pray on behalf of our sisters and brothers who, in remaining faithful to you, have endured suffering we cannot comprehend. Fulfill in them the Apostle's words: that suffering produces endurance; endurance produces character; character produces hope; and hope does not put them to shame, because God's love has been poured into their hearts through the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

**A Jesus said the fields are ripe for the harvest. Therefore we pray: Call, equip, and send new pastors and evangelists to preach the Good News. Make each of us disciples "on a mission with you" to eagerly share the Living Water with thirsty souls in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,**

**C Hear our prayer**

- A **Have mercy on our nation, its leaders, and its people. Although we are all sinful and rebellious, save us, we pray, from our folly. Give us hearts and minds that delight in your law, and wills set to obey it. Remove from us the spirit of discord and strife, and crown us with the blessing of your peace. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- A **Refresh and heal with your Living Water everyone burdened with suffering and sorrow, including: {List}. Give them renewed strength, deep peace, and unshakeable hope, and abiding faith in your compassion. Lord, in your mercy,**
- C **Hear our prayer**
- P **Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- C **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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### **OFFERTORY "LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And\_ fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams\_ of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P **The Lord be with you.**
- C **And also with you.**

**P Lift up your hearts.**

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

**P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

### **SANCTUS (SUNG)**

**Holy, ho - ly, holy Lord\_, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth\_ are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in\_ the highest.**

**Blessed\_ is he who comes\_ in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in\_ the highest\_, hosanna in\_ the highest.**

**P Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.**

**In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** As a community, let us pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*

**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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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**THE COMMUNION** is given and received.

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

### "I Received the Living God"

**Ref. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy\_.  
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**

**1 Jesus said: I am the bread,  
kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me  
need not ever fear to die. (*Refrain*)**

**4 Jesus said: I am the life,  
far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread,  
and my Spirit you shall know. (*Refrain*)**

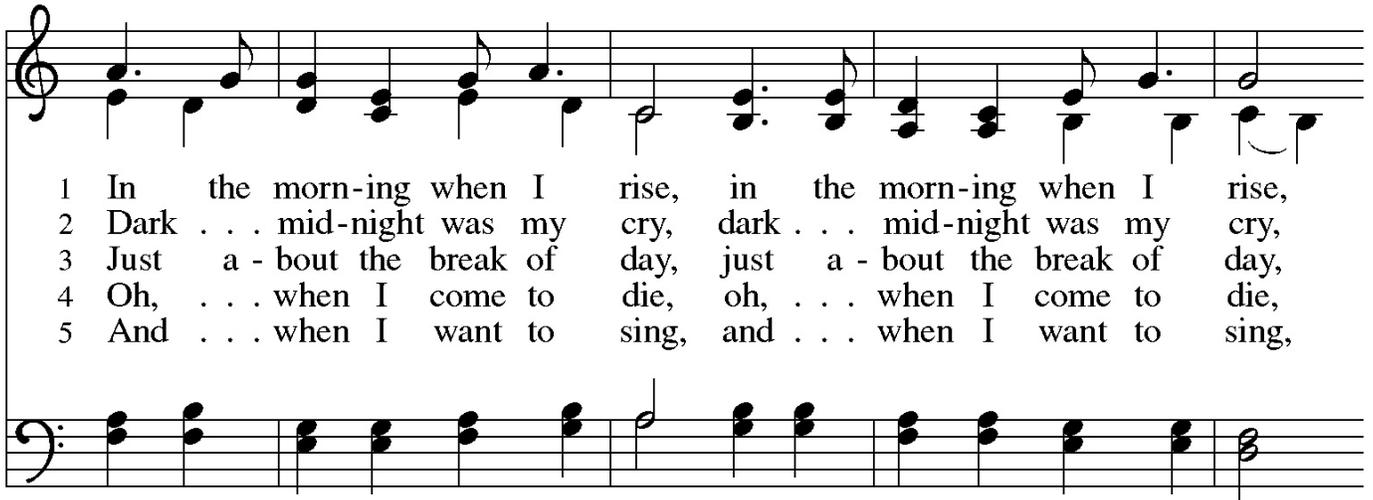
### DISMISSAL

**A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord,**

**C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.  
Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

# Give Me Jesus

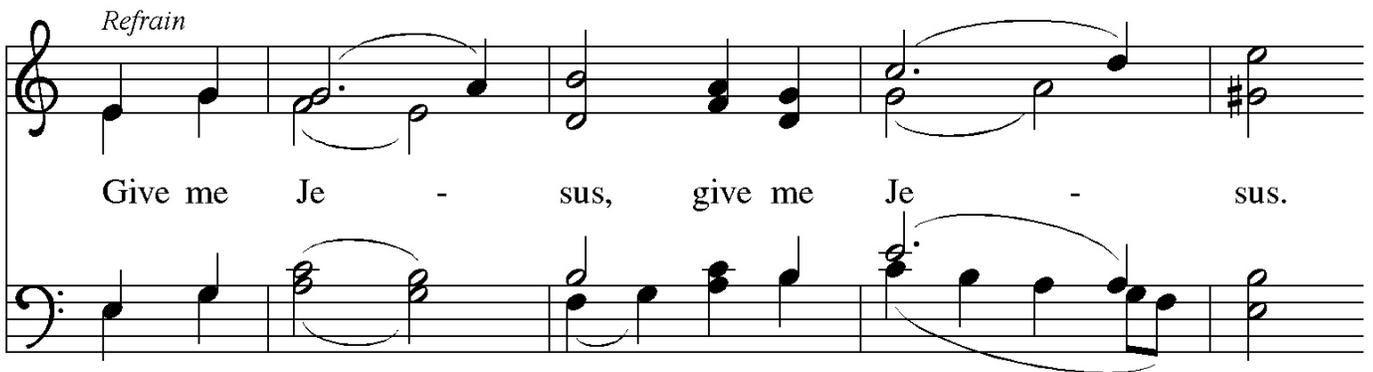


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
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just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
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and . . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.