

Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:3-5).

Adoration

Opening Hymn

You Holy Angels Bright (TH18 vv. 1-4)

*You holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.*

*You blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face;
God's praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight you do abound.*

*All nations of the earth, extol the world's great King;
with melody and mirth his glorious praises sing;
for he still reigns, and will bring low the proudest foe that him disdains.*

*Sing forth Jehovah's praise, you saints, that on him call!
Him magnify always, his holy churches all!
In him rejoice, and there proclaim his holy name with sounding voice.*

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Confession

Call to Confession

"For there is no one who does not sin. For we all stumble in many ways" (2 Chronicles 6:36; James 3:2).

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal Father, our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. We bring our souls to you; break them, wound them, bend them, mold them. Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. Our faculties have been weapons of revolt against you. We have misused our strength, chosen devices and desires to our own hurt, and have impiously resented, grieved, and provoked your Spirit. All these sins we mourn, lament, and for them seek pardon. Work in us more profound and abiding repentance. Give us the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident. Grant that through tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross and the empty tomb of your Son and our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "Yet I Sin"

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance

Assurance of Pardon

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:4-6).

Thanksgiving

Offertory

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Petition and Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer for the Salvation of Others

Instruction

Hymn of Preparation

You Holy Angels Bright (TH18 m. 5-7)

*My soul, bear now your part, triumph in God above;
with a well-tuned heart sing now the songs of love;
you are his own, whose precious blood shed for your good his love made known.*

*Away, distrustful care! I have your promise, Lord;
to banish all despair, I have your oath and word;
and therefore I shall see your face and there your grace shall magnify.*

*With your triumphant flock then I shall numbered be;
built on th'eternal Rock, his glory we shall see.
The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring and all shall sing in harmony.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:5-9

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13:1-6

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hebrews 13:1-6

Communion

Hymn of Preparation

Behold the Lamb

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is good and right to do so.

We welcome to Communion (also called The Lord's Table or The Eucharist) all baptized Christians who have received and are resting on Jesus alone for salvation, and are communing members of any church that faithfully proclaims the gospel. If that does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate by observing but not partaking of the elements – in part because of the warnings Scripture gives those who partake of the Supper without discerning its spiritual significance; but also because we don't want you to express something with your body that isn't true of your heart and mind, namely, that you're trusting in and depending on Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We invite you to take this time to consider what you've seen and heard in the worship service, including Jesus' love for sinners as it is portrayed in this meal. There's also a prayer below for those considering Christianity that you might wish to pray. If this raises questions or concerns, we welcome them and invite you to address them to our pastor or elders.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If you are real, please open my heart and mind to the truth of who you are and what you have done in your life, death, and resurrection. Give me faith to trust you for salvation and satisfaction, and to follow you as my Lord. Help me to see this as the only way to the life you promise and for which I long. Amen.

Prayer for Christians: Lord, you have prepared for me a feast; and though I am unworthy to sit down as a guest, I rest on the merits of Jesus, and come clothed in his righteousness. While I see the bread and the cup, may I ponder why Jesus died and hear him say, "I gave my life to purchase yours, presented myself as an offering to

satisfy divine justice, shed my blood to blot out your guilt, opened my side to make you clean, endured your curses to set you free." May I obey, extend the hand, take the bread, receive the cup, eat and drink, testify before all that I gladly receive Jesus to be my life, strength, nourishment, joy, delight. In the Supper give me assurance of pardon, adoption, life, and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, may your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. Amen.

- excerpted and adapted from *Valley of Vision*, "The Lord's Supper"

Charge and Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Great God of Highest Heaven

*O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.*

*I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.*

*Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.*

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer "Regeneration." Music and words by Bob Kauflin ©2006 Sovereign Grace Praise/BMI Sovereign Grace Music
CCLI11211779

Benediction

**universal*