

**Mountain View Lutheran Church Las Vegas; Fourth Sunday of Lent
8am on March 22, 2020**

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Welcome and Greetings

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness, With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands, With the very Bread of peace.

2

Praise the One who blessed the children, With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons, With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water, To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1

When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Kyrie (pg 204)

All: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
- ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Colossians 2:1-7

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod, And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe, Has sworn to work us woe,
With craft and dreadful might, He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? Lord of hosts is He.
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3

Though hordes of devils fill the land, All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side, With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Offering

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563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness, My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2

Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

4

Lord, I believe, were sinners more, Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

5

When from the dust of death I rise, To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Each petition will end with:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

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 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction (p. 212)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace, To know and do His will!

2

Order my footsteps by Thy Word, And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4

Make me to walk in Thy commands— 'Tis a delightful road—

Nor let my head or heart or hands, Offend against my God.

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