



Second Sunday of Lent | March 5th 2023

*Please stand
As you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
arr. Don Phillips

*Call to Worship:

One: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place
All: Let us rejoice and celebrate!

***Hymn of Praise** 159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come Christians, follow this triumphant sign.

The hosts of God in unity combine.

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2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears
On the brow the seal of him who died.

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3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as
Thou hast promised draw the world to thee.

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4. So shall our song of triumph ever be Praised
to the Crucified for victory!

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Opening Prayer

Holy teacher, you come among us giving signs of love, grace, and salvation, upending all that we know. Give us understanding, as we witness your wonders. Amen

Scripture Lesson Psalm 121 UMH 844

Read Responsively

I Lift up my eyes to the hills.

From whence does my help come?

My Help comes from the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved,

The Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, the One who keeps Israel

Will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade

on your right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day,

nor the moon by night

The Lord will keep you from all evil,

And will keep your life.

The Lord will keep

**your going out and your comings in
From this time forth and for evermore.**

Children's Moment

Music of Preparation *O that I have a Thousand Voices*
arr. Jay Althouse
The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17

Sermon Wondering How That Works?

Passing of the Peace

Invitation Offering

Offertory *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Robert Lowry

***Doxology #64** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

2.Holy, holy holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee, which wert, and art,
and ever more shalt be.

Offertory Prayer

Communion

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You shaped us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into us,
forming humanity in your image.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven 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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from our slavery to sin
and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of food and drink. 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 (God), now and forever.

Amen

Communion Hymn 2050 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

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1. Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
2. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
3. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

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. Amen**

***Sending Hymn** 369 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

***Benediction**

**Go forth in peace, seeking the signs and wonders of God's love,
the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

Postlude *Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543* J.S. Bach

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