

Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three

As We Gather How then shall we live? The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Now what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the lessons for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree is cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

Prelude

Aria, Op. 51

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Hebrews 12:2

P Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.**

P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

C **You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

C **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

P Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7-20

A The Old Testament Lesson for the Third Sunday in Lent is from Ezekiel, chapter thirty-three.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall

live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 85
Tune: LSB 717

**1 Lord, Thou hast favor shown Thy land,
Restored again Thy captive band;
Thy people's sins Thou pardoned hast,
And all their guilt hast covered o'er,
Removed from them Thy anger sore,
All Thy fierce wrath behind Thee cast.**

**2 In grace Thy people, Lord, return,
Nor longer let Thy anger burn;
Wilt Thou forever angry be?
Through ages shall Thy wrath survive?
Wilt Thou not us again revive,
So that we may rejoice in Thee?**

**3 O Lord, to us Thy mercy show,
And Thy salvation now bestow;
We wait to hear what God will say;
Peace to His people He will speak,
And to His saints, but let them seek
No more in folly's path to stray.**

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter ten.

¹I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Lenten Verse

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

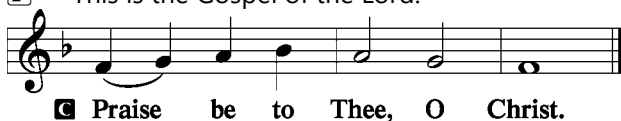


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 824

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

☩ 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.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 175

After each petition:

☩ Lord, in Your mercy.

☩ Hear our prayer.

☩ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

☩ Amen.

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

Larghetto from Thirty-five Miniatures Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Please stand as you are able

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 196

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

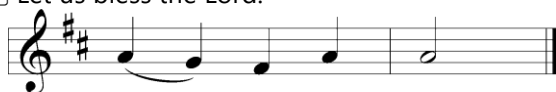
Salutation and Benedicamus *2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1 LSB 201-202*

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Led by the Spirit to Desert Unknown

Musical notation for the Closing Hymn, first line. It is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, ending with a double bar line.

1 Led by the Spir - it to des - ert un - known:
2 Gath - ered by God in the wil - der - ness night:
3 Called by the Christ in a dry, wea - ry land:
4 Sought by God's love when we wan - der a - stray:
5 Drawn by God's word to be - hold a new thing:

Musical notation for the Closing Hymn, second line. It is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, ending with a double bar line.

steep is the path - way and brit - tle the stone;
 ter - ror may threat - en and dark - ness af - fright;
 bar - ren, we thirst, for the riv - ers are sand;
 was - ting and wan - ton and los - ing our way;
 life from the stone in the des - ert, a spring;

you, God, our ref - uge, your an - gels our guard;
 you, God, our shel - ter, our prom - ise you are,
 you, God, our source and the foun - tain of life;
 you, God, our wel - come, the wake - ful con - cern,
 you, God, our riv - er, our spring-time, our way,

oh, save us from fall - ing till dan - gers de - part.
 and what seems deep shad - ow may shine out with stars.
 oh, wa - ter us well to bear fruit of de - light.
 with robe and with ban - quet a - wait our re - turn.
 with Christ and the Spir - it bring forth a new day.

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Announcements

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium

Matthias vanden Gheyn
(1721-1785)

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Music Notes for March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent

The Prelude and Voluntary for the Third Sunday in Lent were written by the Belgian composer and organist Flor Peeters (1903-1986). Peeters was influential as a performer, composer, and teacher and counted the noted American organists Paul Manz (1919-2009) and Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) among his many students. *Aria*, which originated as the slow movement of a *Sonata* for trumpet and piano, features an expressive, lyrical melody above a gentle accompaniment. *Larghetto*, excerpted from *Thirty-five Miniatures*, is a brief, lovely work that highlights the quietest stops of the organ.

The Communion Voluntary is “Out of the Depths,” a choral anthem based on Psalm 130 by American composer and church musician Carl Schalk (1929-2021). The piece is characterized by flowing, chant-like vocal lines. Professor Schalk, one of the foremost experts in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries on the subjects of Lutheran liturgy, worship, and music, enjoyed a distinguished career as a parish musician, educator, composer, and author.

Matthias Vanden Gheyn (1721-1785) was a Flemish composer whose career and compositional output straddled the transitional period between the Baroque and Classical eras. During his lifetime, Vanden Gheyn was particularly esteemed as a virtuoso organist and carillonneur. His *Praeludium in G minor* features bold chordal textures and flowing scalar figurations.