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Welcome to St. Mark's Chapel
Open hearts, open minds, open doors

10:00 a.m. Sunday, March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Prelude

"Blessed Jesu, at Thy Word"

BWV 634

^Entrance

Blessed be God, who forgives all our sins:

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

^Choral Kyrie

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

^Hymn

"Come To Me"

ELW 777, 1-4

1. "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live." ^R
Refrain: Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.
2. "Come to me, all travelers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." (Refrain)
3. "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." (Refrain)
4. "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." (Refrain)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son: **Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah

55: 1-9

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8

Response *Antiphon: Vierge de la Peña, 1994*

I will bless God as long as I live.

- R**
- 1 O God, you are my God;
I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.
 - 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
 - 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you
 - 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name. **R**
 - 5 My soul will be satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
 - 6 when I think of you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
 - 7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
 - 8 My soul clings to you;
your mighty hand upholds me. **R**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud

and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

^Gradual

"Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"

Hymnal 1982 #440, v.1 & 3

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Praise to you O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

^Nicene Creed

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

^Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O Lord: **Your mercy is great.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

#685 H'82

^Offertory Prayer

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine: **Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

^The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, most merciful God, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the heavenly host, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

S-124, H'82

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will, and accomplished our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you 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 and gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes:

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you. O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able. And we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these, your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and

grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sins, may be formed to live as your holy people, and receive our inheritance with all your saints. Unto you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are all who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei

S-161, H'82

Anthem

"Cry No More"

Forrest

^God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The God of all grace [+] bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

^Hymn

"Near the Cross"

LEVAS #29

Go in peace. Serve Christ in your neighbor. **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

"Come God, The Creator, Holy Ghost"

BWV 667

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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