

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God"

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God’s daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God’s workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.



David Garcia, *Organ*

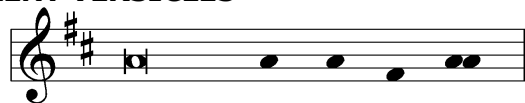
PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" by Janet Linker

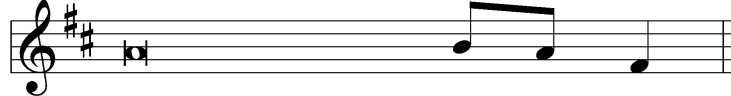
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Heimer

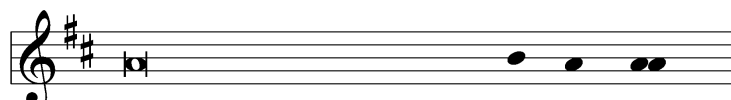
LENT VERSICLES



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



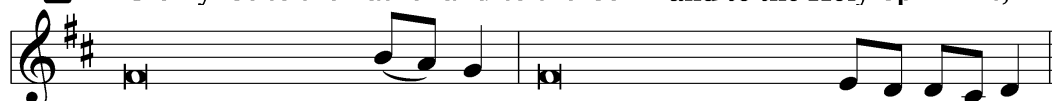
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

+ PSALMODY +

INVOCATION

Psalm 95:1-7, with antiphon



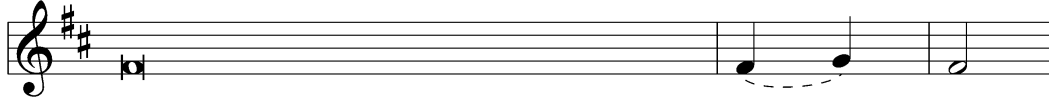
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

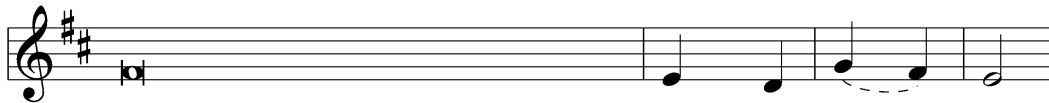
VENITE

Psalm 100



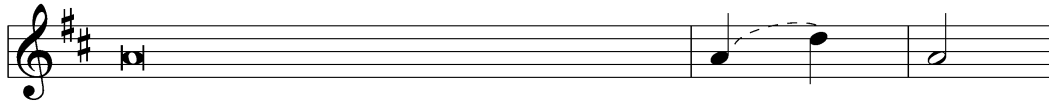
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

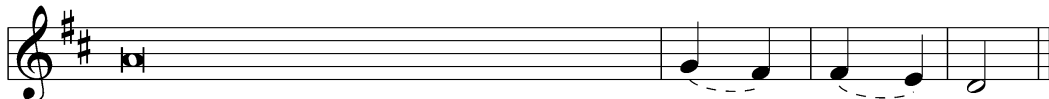


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 107:1-9

- ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- ³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- ⁵hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- ⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.




I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain




What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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+ READINGS +

OLD TESTAMENT

(Israelites who look up to the bronze serpent live.)

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(We are saved by grace.)

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

P For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

C **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

GOSPEL

(All who look up to Jesus on the cross will be saved.)

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" v.1-2,5 LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your



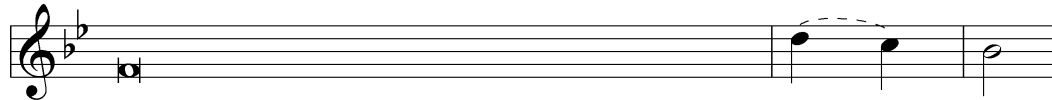
Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves your



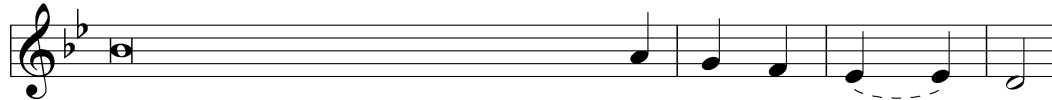
Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
soul from death; That is the firm - est ground of faith.

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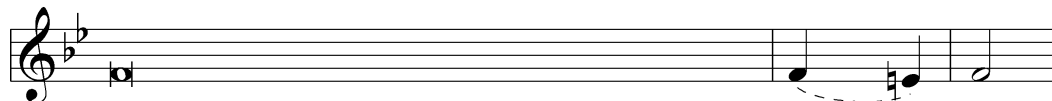
CONFESSION OF FAITH



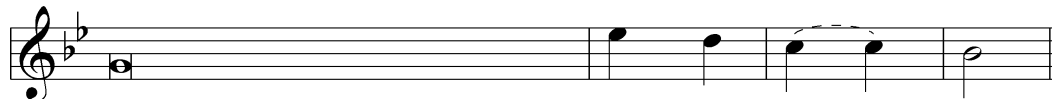
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



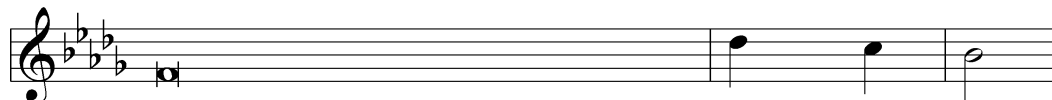
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



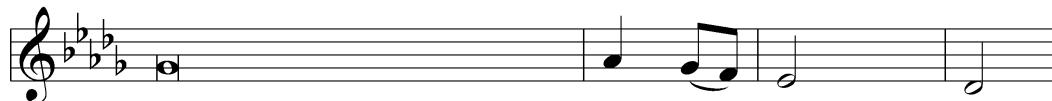
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
- 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



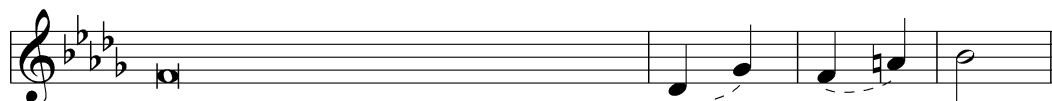
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God



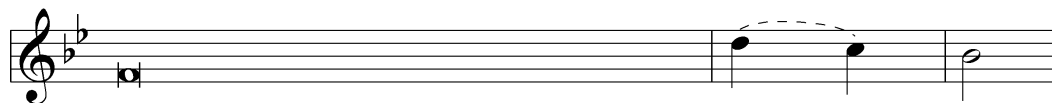
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
- 6 We believe that You will come



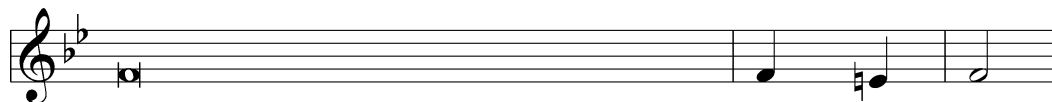
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
- 6 to be — our — judge.



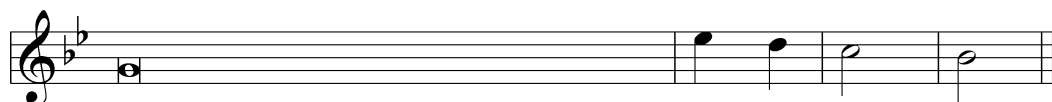
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" v.1,6 LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

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+ PRAYER +

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

☞ 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.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, while we were still dead in sin, You came as one of us to die for us and bring us to eternal life.

C Give us strength of faith to look up to You each day of our sojourn until we see You face-to-face in eternity;

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COLLECT FOR GRACE

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



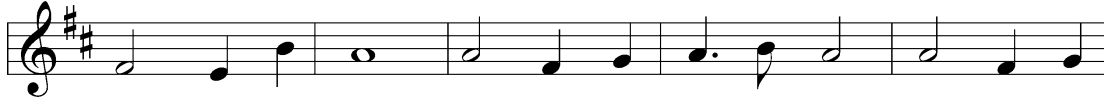
C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

3/16	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
3/17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer Service
3/19	Friday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
3/21	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship Service

Offerings

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Online donations: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.zionelpaso.org. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofits. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

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Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Lenten Food Collection for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission. LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items to assist YLM in their weekly food distribution during the Season of Lent. We are, once again, inviting the congregation to join us in this Lenten outreach project. Items may be placed in the designated location in the Auditorium or dropped off at the church office.

**** Food items most needed right now are: small bags of rice, beans, and flour, as well as boxes of cereal.**** Thanks, in advance, for your support of this project!

Lenten Services on Wednesdays. We are having mid-week prayer services throughout the season of Lent. These services will be on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, in-person in the Zion sanctuary and livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Refer to our website for weekly posts on the upcoming Lenten service, including an RSVP form for each service and a link to the livestream. Our remaining schedule of mid-week services is shown below.

March 17	John 12:23–36	“Bold Final Appearance”
March 24	Luke 22:1–6	“Bold Deal”

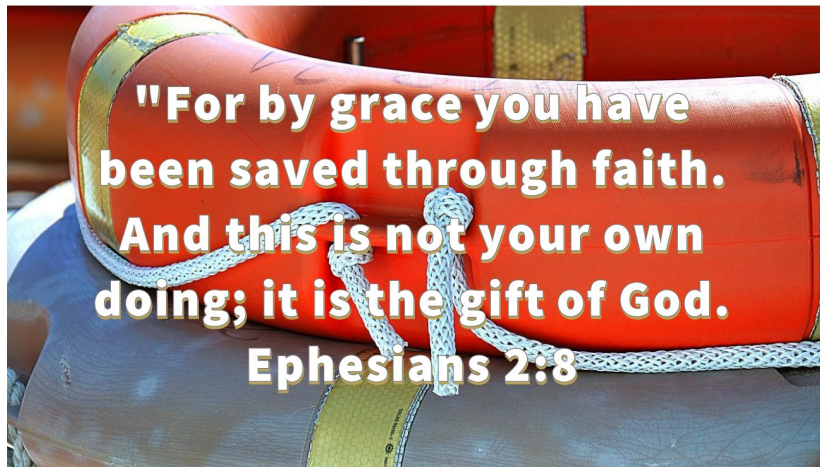
Holy Week and Easter. We are currently planning our worship services for Holy Week and Easter—March 28th through April 4th. These services include Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

March 28: Palm Sunday will feature fresh palm leaves in our worship service!

April 4: Easter Sunday will be a joyful day of celebration! We will have an outdoor sunrise service, neighborhood flower distribution, Easter breakfast, and indoor worship service.

This Week's Memory Verse

This week's memory verse:



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