



**Third Sunday in Lent
Oculi**

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Opening Hymn *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by**

what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 25: 1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25 : 15-16

Pastor: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

Cong.: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Pastor: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

Cong.: for I am lonely and afflicted.

Pastor: To you, O LORD,

Cong.: I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

Cong.: let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

Cong.: bring me out of my distresses.

Pastor: Consider my affliction and my trouble,

Cong.: and forgive all my sins.

Pastor: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Cong.: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

Cong.: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

Cong.: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
Cong.: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
Pastor: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
Cong.: for I am lonely and afflicted.

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.
Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26: 1-15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came
from the LORD: ²“*Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to
all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I
command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word.* ³*It may be they will listen, and*

every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴ You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵ and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'" ⁷ The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "*You shall die!*" ⁹ *Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?"* And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "*This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.*" ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "*The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.*" This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5: 1-9

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the

Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+VERSE+ (sung)

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*Return to the Lord, your God,
For He is gracious and merciful
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love
And abounding in steadfast love.*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

Luke 11: 14-28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “*He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,*” ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “*Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.*” ¹⁸ *And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.* ¹⁹ *And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.* ²⁰ *But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.* ²¹ *When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;* ²² *but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.* ²³ *Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.* ²⁴ *“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’”* ²⁵ *And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.* ²⁶ *Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”* ²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “*Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!*” ²⁸ But he said, “*Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!*” This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE SERMON HYMN: “Lord of Our Life”

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SERMON

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

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**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 Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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**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 Amen.

Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Catechism Class: March 10th at 6:15 pm

Wednesday Lenten Services: March 10, 17, 24 at 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday Services: Sunday, March 28th at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.; **Good Friday,** April 2nd at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Easter Services: Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 and 10:30 pm.



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