



"Lazarus, come out!" John 11:43



The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018 | 11 am

St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury NC

Welcome to St. John's!

*For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.
The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*

Gathering

Welcome *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

Prelude *I Will Give My Heart to the Lord* Mark Patterson
Epic and Kingdom Kids Choir; Rosemary C. Kinard, Director

Prayers of Confession. *Please stand, turning towards the cross of Christ.*

We make the sign of the cross as a sign of our baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. 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.**

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

Gracious God, **our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

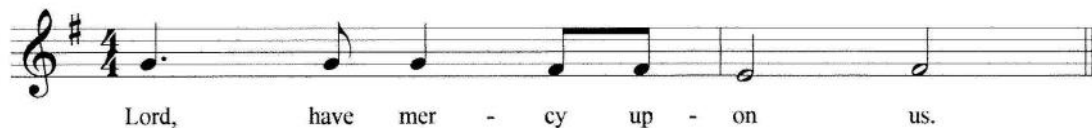
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. Welcome to the dawn of a new day!
Amen.

Entrance Hymn 825 *You Servants of God* LYONS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



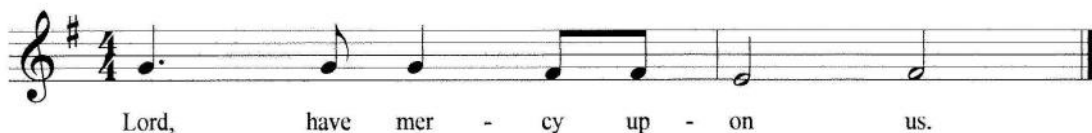
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

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.



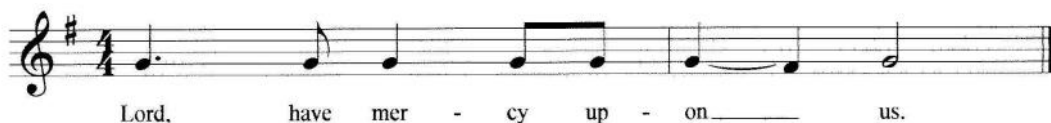
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Let us pray. O God, in these days of Lent you invite us into worship, prayer, and fellowship. Gather us this morning in the spirit of your love; challenge us with the truth of your Word; and fill us with the gifts of life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**



Word

Reading Psalm 23

Antiphon

Shepherd Me, O God

SHEPHERD ME

The Antiphon is sung during the reading of the Psalm. At the end of the reading, children are dismissed for Children's Worship, returning after the sermon.

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the antiphon. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a common time signature. The second staff is in G major and 2/4 time, with a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. **Antiphon**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord. The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Repeat Antiphon

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus

began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Please stand

Hymn 628

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LAND OF REST

Verses 1, 2 & 5—All; Verse 3—Women; Verse 4—Men

Apostle's Creed. *The three paragraphs of the Creed express our belief in the three-fold nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

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

Please be seated



Meal

God feeds us with the Bread of Life

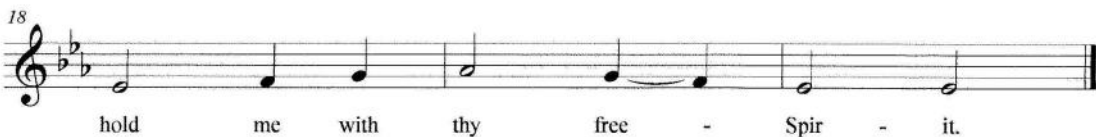
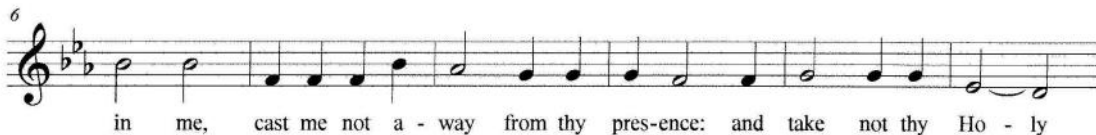
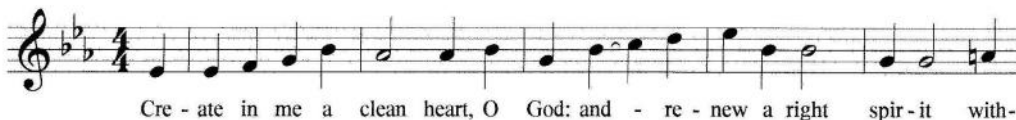
Collection of our Tithes and Offerings, and Preparation of the Lord's Table.

Offertory Anthem

Come, Ye Disconsolate

arr. Terre Johnson

As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and sings "Create in Me, from the 1958 Service Book and Hymnal:



Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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 and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer, followed by 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 and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion, see pew card for instructions.

Hymn *Lamb of God, p. 154, front of red ELW*

Communion Hymns **496** *One Bread, One Body*
 494 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Prayer and Blessing



Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn 632 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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