



# A Service for Our Lord's Day

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 10, 2024  
Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning

*Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, which means spring. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.*

## We Gather to Worship

### WESTMINSTER STRIKE

*As the hour is pealed, we join those who worship with us online.*

### VOLUNTARY

*Ah, Holy Jesus, Op. 122*

Johannes Brahms

### INTROIT

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Text: Glory to God, Hymn 218, s.1*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Roman Whitfield

*Let us read responsively.*

We enter into worship together,  
reflections of God's glory.

**Inspired by God's presence,  
we gather to join in praise.**

In joy, we lift our voices.

**With adoration, we express our gratitude.**

### † GATHERING HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

### † CALL TO CONFESSION

*We were dead through the trespasses and sins in which we once lived,  
following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air,  
the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us pray collectively to the God of grace.*

**By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God,  
from all that separates us from you.**

**Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.**

**Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.**

**Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace;  
have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.**

**Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.**

**Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,

following the desires of flesh and senses,

and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us

even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ –

by grace we have been saved – and raised up with him

and seated with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches

of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace we have been saved through faith,

and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God –

not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. – Ephesians 2:3-10

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

† GLORIA PATRI 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange visible signs of peace with those worshipping near you.*

LIFE TOGETHER

Timothy Belk

## We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ford Reagan

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**Amen.**

### A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PSALTER – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

**they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.**  
Then they cried to the **LORD** in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress;  
**he sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from destruction.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

### ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

Text: John 3:16

### GOSPEL – John 3:14-21

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Love Story**

Dr. Guild

## We Respond to God's Word

### † AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967; 9.07

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.**

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.**

**He is the eternal Son of the Father,**

**who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**to continue and complete his mission.**

**This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation**

**of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world.**

**Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God**

**and to one another.**

† DISCIPLESHIP HYMN 653

*Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

MORNING SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever.**

CHORAL AMEN

Franz Schubert

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

*The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it (Ps. 24:1).  
None of us lives to ourselves, and none of us dies to ourselves,  
for in God's infinite wisdom we are made to live in community with one another.  
Trusting that within the body of Christ all of our gifts are welcomed  
and contribute to God's mission in the world, let us offer with gratitude our gifts  
of time, talent, and treasure. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ  
who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



OFFERTORY

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, Op. 122*

Johannes Brahms

† DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
It will be holy, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will be prayerful, if I pray.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring others into its worship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a community of loyalty and love, of compassion, charity and mercy,  
if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I dedicate myself to the task of being all the things  
that I want my worshiping community to be.  
Amen.**

## We Go Forth to Share His Peace

- † SENDING HYMN 742                      *We Will Walk with God*                      SIZOHAMBA NAYE
- † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- † CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Ah, Holy Jesus*                      HERZLIEBSTER JESU

† The people will please stand as they are able in body or spirit.

*Assisting in the leadership of worship with Dr. Jeff G. Guild, Stated Supply Pastor are:  
Ford Reagan and Roman Whitfield, Liturgists; members of the Chancel Choir;  
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist.*

*The Chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God by the Coachman-McBride Family  
in memory of James W. Coachman Sr.,  
who faithfully served Peace Memorial as parishioner, Elder, and Deacon.*

*Join us for an informal gathering immediately following in Roebing Hall.*

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### The Peace Memorial Concert Series

*presents*

**Alexander Straus-Fausto, Organist**

3 p.m.



**Our Lord's Day: March 24**

*Palm Passion Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem,  
marking the beginning of the passion or suffering of Jesus leading  
to and including the crucifixion.*



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

March 28 – 6:30 p.m.  
Chapel





# IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Our Lord's Day: Resurrection Sunday, March 31

*The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost.*

*It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year.*

*It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and the Day of Pentecost.*

## **Joy in the Morning**

*a short liturgy celebrating the resurrection of the Risen Lord followed by an informal gathering and egg hunt for children of all ages ( 9 a.m.)*

Dunseith Memorial Garden – 8:30 a.m.

## **A Festival Service**

*music for choir, string quintet, organ, and congregation*

Sanctuary – 10:30 a.m.

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