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Family Worship – Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022 † 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The people rise as they can comfortably. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Pause for reflection.

Lord Jesus, you came as a child in the fullness of humanity that we may know God's love for us.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you called the children to you and blessed them that we may know God's love for children. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will judge us by how we care for the least of these our brothers and sisters.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Our hope is in Christ Jesus. For his sake † our sins are forgiven.

In him the veil of God's glory is lifted. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GREETING p. 147

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00 service)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

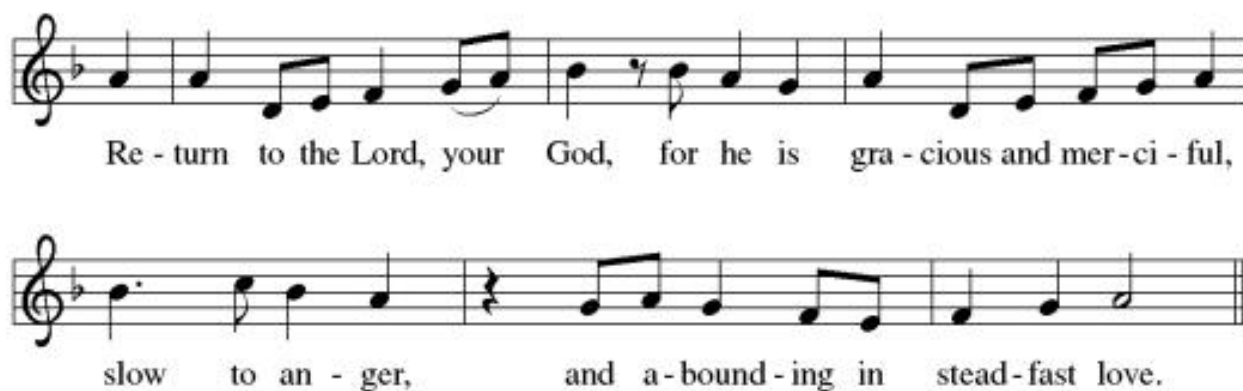


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PSALM: Psalm 32 (Easy-to-Read Version)

- ¹ It is a great blessing when people are forgiven for the wrongs | they have done,
when their sins | are erased.
- ² **It is a great blessing when the LORD says they | are not guilty,
when they don't try to | hide their sins.**
- ³ Lord, I prayed to you again and again, but I did not talk a-|bout my sins.
So I only became weaker | and more miserable.
- ⁴ **Every day you made life hard-|er for me.
I became like a dry land in the hot | summertime.**
- ⁵ But then I decided to confess my sins | to the LORD.
I stopped hiding my guilt and told you about my sins. And you for-|gave them all!
- ⁶ **That is why your loyal followers pray to you while there | is still time.
Then when trouble rises like a flood, it | will not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are a hiding place for me. You protect me | from my troubles.
You surround me and protect me,
so I sing about the way | you saved me.
- ⁸ **The Lord says, "I will teach you and guide you in the way | you should live.
I will watch over you and | be your guide.**
- ⁹ Don't be like a stupid horse or mule that will not | come to you
unless you put a bit in its mouth and pull | it with reins."
- ¹⁰ **Many pains will come | to the wicked,
but the LORD's faithful love will surround those who | trust in him.**
- ¹¹ Good people, rejoice and be very happy | in the LORD.
All you who want to do | right, rejoice!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3,116-32 (ERV)

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about a son who appreciates his father's love only after he has rejected it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

¹Many tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus. ²Then the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to complain, "Look, this man welcomes sinners and even eats with them!" ³Then Jesus told them this story:

¹¹"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger son said to his father, 'Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.' So the father divided his wealth between his two sons. ¹³"A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He traveled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. ¹⁴After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money. ¹⁵So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The man sent him into the fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All my father's hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. ¹⁸I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.' ²⁰So he left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him. ²¹The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet. ²³And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat. ²⁴My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to have a party.

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²⁵ "The older son had been out in the field. When he came near the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called to one of the servant boys and asked, 'What does all this mean?' ²⁷ The boy said, 'Your brother has come back, and your father killed the best calf to eat. He is happy because he has his son back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older son was angry and would not go in to the party. So his father went out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ But he said to his father, 'Look, for all these years I have worked like a slave for you. I have always done what you told me to do, and you never gave me even a young goat for a party with my friends. ³⁰ But then this son of yours comes home after wasting your money on prostitutes, and you kill the best calf for him!'

³¹ "His father said to him, 'Oh, my son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But this was a day to be happy and celebrate. Your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY # 779 Amazing Grace – verses 1 and 2

**1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We see the love of God in God's own son. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, let us bring our prayer to God, saying, "Lord, hear your children's prayer."

For the Church of God, that we follow Jesus, who taught us that whoever would be first must be the servant of all, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For world leaders, that they may think about how their actions can make a difference to people who most need help in their countries; that we build up safe and joyful communities for all people; that war might end and peace return to Ukraine, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For all the people of the world, especially children and families who do not have money for food and lodging; for people suffering from injustice; for all who are sick and suffering; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

For ourselves and our community; that we recognize your face in every child and that we love and bless all children as Jesus welcomed them; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

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We pray for our congregation, family and friends: that we may take steps to change our own lives and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. For blessings on all who lead us in worship and contribute to our worship life; we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear your children's prayer.

(Pastor) Christ Jesus, fill us with your love and mercy and show us how to make a difference to the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world. Hear the prayers we offer in confidence and faith.
Amen.

PEACE p. 152

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, in person, by mail, or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

OFFERING 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 for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 152

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 to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today as we celebrate communion, we join with millions around the world, and all who down through the ages have joined in this feast. When we do this we take part in a story that tells us God loves us completely and unconditionally. When we do this we remember that Jesus invites us to this ancient yet always-new meal, to share the feast and remember God's love. You are all welcome to share in this celebration.

In the Bible we read that Jesus enjoyed a meal with his closest friends the night he was arrested. On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave 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, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

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COMMUNION p.154

Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

The Body of Christ, given for you.
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG #838 Beautiful Savior verses 1 and 3

**1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, to proclaim your truth every day, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

**1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain

**"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain***

**3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

O God, it is your will
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,
and give peace to your church,
peace among nations,
peace in this nation,
peace in our town,
peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:
THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: (27 March 2022)**

George Mengert, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Tracy Parisi, the McCurdy family, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]

Nancy Fjellstad, Brenda Dugan & granddaughter Chanelle, Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]

Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]

Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]

Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]

Jim Cahote, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]

Laura Garlock [requested by Darlene Klouda]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]

Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]

Bernadette Ueberg [requested by John Hinsch]

Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]

The Ehrhardt family, Kim Council, Roger Schleef, the Hinsch family, the Fesselmeyer & Pascale families, Jim Flaherty, Carol Pascale, the Schleef family, the Davour and Aveli families, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Martha Hahn, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]

Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Susie Gillen [requested by the Breimann family]

Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]

Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]

Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin



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