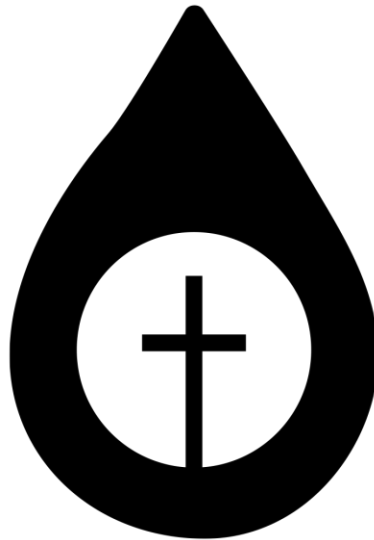


# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

Worship Focus

**Our Greatest Needs:  
Sight for the Blind**



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## Order of Service for

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Service: Setting Two

## ✠ Gathering ✠

### OPENING HYMN

576 – Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Stand

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

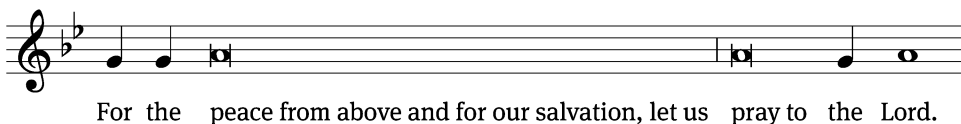
**with his innocent suffering and death.**

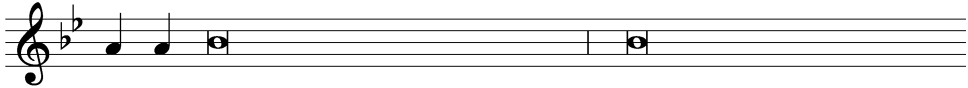
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the t Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)





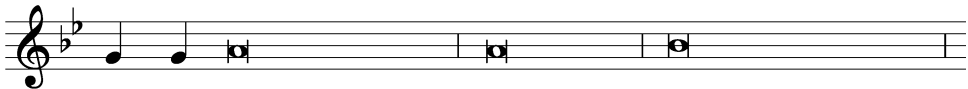
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

*Be Seated*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

*God promises to lead the blind to safety and turn their darkness to light.*

ISAIAH 42:14<sup>14</sup>“For a long time I have kept silent,  
I have been quiet and held myself back.

But now, like a woman in childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains and hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’  
will be turned back in utter shame.

<sup>18</sup>“Hear, you deaf;  
look, you blind, and see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
and deaf like the messenger I send?  
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,  
blind like the servant of the Lord?

<sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;  
your ears are open, but you do not listen.”

<sup>21</sup>It pleased the Lord  
for the sake of his righteousness  
to make his law great and glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

Psalm 27

## Refrain



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of  
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

## Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and / answer me.  
Do not hide your / face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.  
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,  
God my / Savior.

## Refrain

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,  
the LORD will re- / ceive me.  
I remain confi- / dent of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.  
Wait / for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

## Refrain

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Those who have seen the light of Christ strive to leave deeds of darkness behind.*

EPHESIANS 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light<sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)<sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord.<sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.<sup>12</sup>It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.<sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.<sup>14</sup>This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the reading of the Gospel*

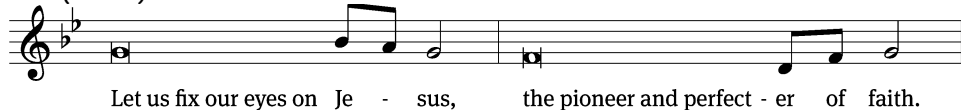
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 12:2

*Refrain (Congregation)*



*Tone (Cantor)*



*Refrain (Congregation)*



## GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

*Jesus miraculously enables a man who had been born blind to see the Christ both physically and spiritually.*

<sup>1</sup>JOHN 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing...

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ...

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Be seated**





## HYMN OF THE DAY

515 – Christ is the World’s Light



1 Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none oth - er;  
2 Christ is the world’s peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
3 Christ is the world’s life, Christ and none oth - er;  
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
no one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.  
sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the  
give God the glo - ry, God with us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

### ✠ Sermon ✠

John 9:1-41

## I Was Blind but Now I See

*Sermon notes:*

*At the conclusion of the sermon, please stand*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of four ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
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- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God, that she, enlightened by the Gospel, would be a home for those cast out by this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those baptized into the light of Christ, that He would guide us in His ways and teach us to both know and do His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who wander in the darkness through rough places in this life, that they would wait on the salvation of the Lord and not be put to shame, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

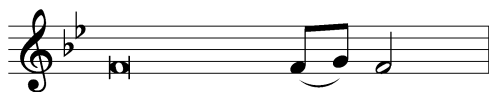
For the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would take heart, trust in Christ for healing and find Him even in the midst of their trials, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a right reception of the Lord's Supper, that God would unite His people in a true confession of His Word and bring them with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of His Son's body and blood for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Sacrament ✠

### PREFACE



The Lord be with you.



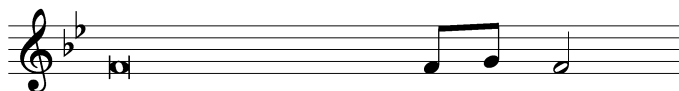
And al - so with you.



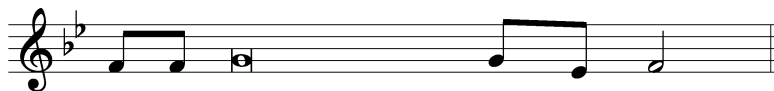
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Santus*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on six staves in G minor (one flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

713 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

518 – Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. \_\_\_\_  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. \_\_\_\_  
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, \_\_\_\_  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, \_\_\_\_  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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