

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 3, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

An Wasserflüssen Babylon (By the Waters of Babylon), BWV 653
An Wasserflüssen Babylon

J.S. Bach
J. Pachelbel

Gathering Song 10:45

Jesus Does

Bergthold, Cash et al.

WELCOME

Pastor Patton

OPENING HYMN 8:15

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850 (vv. 1-2, 4)

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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10:45

There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
I Believe

Lake, Stanfill, Smith
Helser, Helser et al.

OPENING

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: God invites us to gather in His name.

People: We are gathered to worship and praise.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.

People: He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.

Pastor: We listen to God's Word.

People: We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Pastor: Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us always into His house to ask for forgiveness.

(Brief silence for reflection on God's Word and personal confession)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In our own way, we demand signs and seek wisdom, when You have revealed Your grace through Christ crucified. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us and restore us in Your wisdom, so that we may "boast in the Lord." Amen. *(1 Corinthians 1:22, 31)*

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.

KYRIE

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** 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.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Exodus 20:1–17

20 And God spoke all these words, saying, **2**“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **3**You shall have no other gods before^[a] me. **4**You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **5**You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, **6**but showing steadfast love to thousands^[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments. **7**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. **8**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9**Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, **10**but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. **11**For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. **12**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. **13**You shall not murder.^[c] **14**You shall not commit adultery. **15**You shall not steal. **16**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **17**You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” **20** Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach^[a] to save those who believe. **22** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, **23**but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **24**but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **26** For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,^[b] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, **29**so that no human being^[c] might boast in the presence of God. **30** And because of him^[d] you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31**so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

VERSE FOR LENT

LSB 157



G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 2:13–22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."^[a] ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paula Weiss

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

When God Cleans House (Wisdom)

Pastor Penny

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me (Psalm 139)

H. Helvey

Sanctuary Choir

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† 8:15 THE PREFACE (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave the temple of His body over to be crucified on the cross, then raised it up on the third day, just as He promised. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 163

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.

☞ DISTRIBUTION Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. *The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.* All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

Just As I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622 (vv. 1-4, 7-8)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although You did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yes, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

1 "Come, follow, Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for Your guide.

2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.

For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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10:45

***O Come To The Altar
This I Know (Jesus Loves Me)***

*Brown, Brock, Furtick, Joye
Laird*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

10:45

Step by Step

Strasser

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 8:15

Built on the Rock

LSB 645 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling.
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to swell
With all his grace and His favor.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My Own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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10:45

I Will Boast

Baloche

POSTLUDE

Wir gläuben all an einen Gott (We all believe in One True God), BWV 680

J.S. Bach