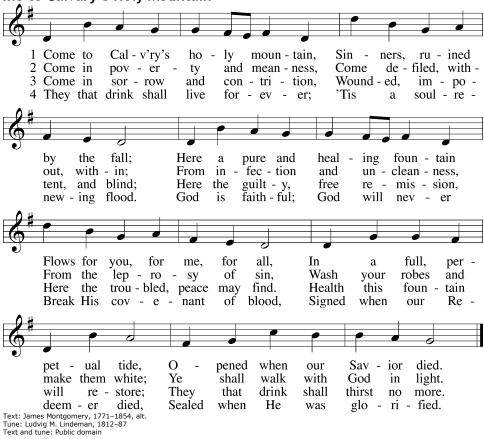
MARCH 23, 2022 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "O Christ, Thou Lamb Of God" tune Christe, du Lamm Gottes, setting by Gerike

Stand

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Versicles

- P Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- P The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- **P** When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- **P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- **P** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.

- P Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- **P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
- **C** We are blessed to be a blessing.
- P None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
- C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:9–12

⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For

"Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:47–50

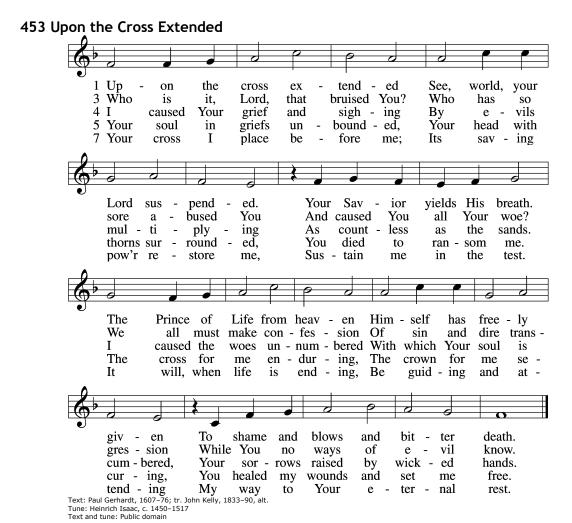
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

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- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



Sermon

Anthem - The Bell Choir plays "Pie Jesu" by Faure Requiem; Elana Vasi, soloist.

Kneel

Prayers for the Body of Christ

- Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who betray you by our disobedience to your will.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see the price of grace.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through the Word.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P We praise you that your faithfulness to us is great and your mercies are new to us every morning.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will say no to traitorous sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
- C Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.
- P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who suffered in our stead the penalty for betrayal.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **C** 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.

Benediction LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

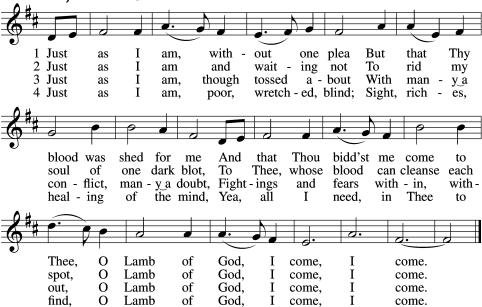
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Stand

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- 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.
- 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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Postlude - "What Wondrous Love Is This" from Walker's Southern Harmony, arranged by Krapf.

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