

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Laetare
Fourth Sunday in Lent
22 March 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Explanation of Symbols:

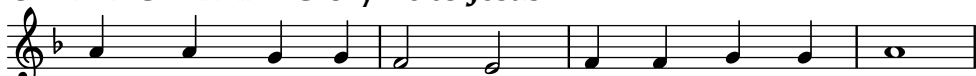
- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- A** Assisting minister
- ✙ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ✦ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

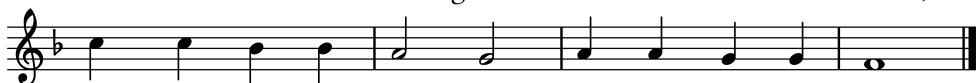
O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

RITE OF PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN—Glory Be to Jesus



1. Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2. Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3. Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4. A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sac - red veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fin - ite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian (18th century); tr. Edward Caswall (1814–78), alt. Music: Friedrich Filitz (1804–76)

INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.

G Who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.**

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Ps. 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a*)

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

C **I was glad when they | said to me,***
“**Let us go to the house | of the LORD!**”

A Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Jer- | usalem!

C **Pray for the peace of Jer- | usalem!***
“**May they be secure who | love you!**

A For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

C ❖ **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.

A Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

C **that you may nurse and be | satisfied***
from her con- | soling breast.

KYRIE

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING—Exodus 16:2–21

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 122:1, 7*)

A I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

C Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!

EPISTLE READING—Galatians 4:21–31

After the reading:

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

TRACT (*Ps. 125:1–2, 5b*)

A Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

C As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds
his | people,
from this time forth and for- | evermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

HOLY GOSPEL—John 6:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 thence He will 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.

Sit

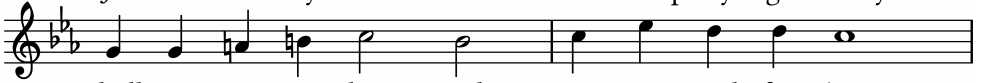
HYMN OF THE DAY—Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1. Je - sus, price-less treas - ure, Fount of pur - est pleas - ure,
2. In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
4. Hence, all earth - ly treas - ure! Je - sus is my pleas - ure,



Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Je - sus is my choice. Hence all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Ev' - ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
Naught to me the sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Light - nings flash And thun - der crash; yet, though sin and
God's great pow'r Guards ev' - ry hour; Earth and all its
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask be - side Thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
depths ad - ore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
Sa - viour move me Since He deigns to love me.

- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

*Text: Johann Franck (1618–77); tr. Catherine Winkworth, (1827–78), alt.
 Music: Johann Crüger (1598–1662)*

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God. And re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy
 pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-

store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-vat-ion,
and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg

Family of members

Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Marian (old age); Holly; Greg (cancer); Ivor (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Bob & Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Robert & Anne Srebrianski (dementia); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (cancer); Audrey (cancer); Serena (cancer); Tommy (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); John (health) Phillip (mental health); Neil (cardiac arrest)

ELCE

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Pr. Kriger; Westfield House (Faculty: Dr. Gunjević, Dr. Humann, and adjuncts; Staff: Dr. Lumley, Mrs. Yates; and all students); Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Jade

The Church of God

Lutheran Church of Uganda; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareham Methodist Church; Amir family

L O Lord,
G have mercy.

L O Christ,
G have mercy.

L O Lord,
G have mercy.

L O Christ,
G hear us.

- L** God the Father in heaven.
C **have mercy.**
- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C **have mercy.**
- L** God the Holy Spirit,
C **have mercy.**
- L** Be gracious to us.
C **Spare us, good Lord.**
- L** Be gracious to us.
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water, and from everlasting death:
C **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
 By Your baptism, fasting and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;
 by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
 By your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgement:
C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful labourers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:
C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend the Queen and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to protect the unborn, the disabled and all who are vulnerable; and to have mercy on us all;

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

L O Christ,

C hear us.

L O Lord,

C have mercy.

L O Christ,

C have mercy.

L O Lord

C have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.



C A-men, A-men, A - men.

CLOSING HYMN—Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1. Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy
stream doth flow; Let the fier - y, cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me safe on



pow' - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv' - er, strong de - liv' - er,
Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

*William Williams (1717–91), abr. Tr: William Williams, Peter Williams (1722–96), alt.
Music: John Hughes (1873–1932)*

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.