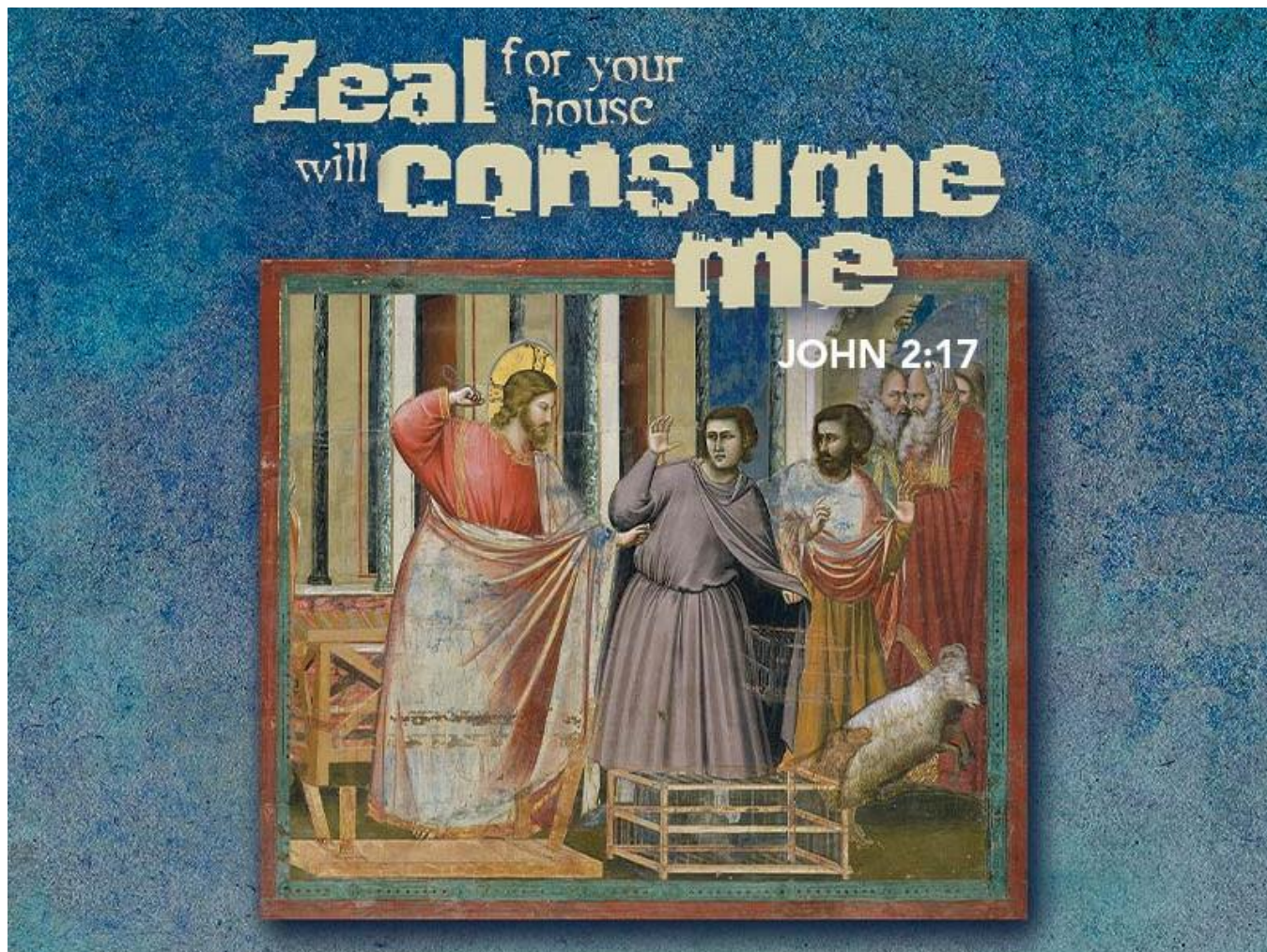


# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021 ♦ 9:00 am



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## GATHERING

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Have mercy, O God,  
**C** **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**  
**In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.**  
**Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.**  
**Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit**  
**and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

**P** As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.  
 As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.  
 As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,  
 renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
 Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C** **Blessed be God forever.**

HYMN (Cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2; **ALL SING STANZA 3**)

1 God the sculptor of the mountains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
 2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,  
 4 God the un-ex - pec - ted infant, God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,  
 God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
 God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:  
 God the table - tur - ning prophet, God the resur - rect - ed truth;  
 you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are formless; shape us now.  
 you are fount of all de - liv' - rance, we are sightless; lead us now.  
 you are present ev' - ry mo - - ment, we are searching; meet us now.

GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**All** **And also with you.**

KYRIE (sung first by cantor; **ALL SING SECOND TIME**)

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pronunciation:: (kee-ree-eh eh-leh-ee-sohn. krees-teh eh-leh-ee-sohn)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh

day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## SECOND READING Romans 4:13–25

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL VERSE (ALL SING)



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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# HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13-22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house

will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN "Holy God, Holy and Glorious" (Cantor sings verses 1 and 3; **ALL SING STANZA 4 and 5**)



1	Ho	-	ly	God,	ho	-	ly	and	glo	-	ri	-	ous,
2	Ho	-	ly	God,	ho	-	ly	and	pow	-	er	-	ful,
3	Ho	-	ly	God,	ho	-	ly	and	beau	-	ti	-	ful,
4	Ho	-	ly	God,	ho	-	ly	and	on	-	ly	wise,	
5	Ho	-	ly	God,	ho	-	ly	and	liv	-	ing	one,	



glo	-	ry	most	sub	-	lime,	you	come	as	one	a	-	mong	us			
pow	-	er	with	-	out	peer,	you	bend	to	us	in	weak	-	ness;			
beau	-	ty	un	-	sur	-	passed,	you	are	de	-	spised,	re	-	ject	-	ed;
wis	-	dom	of	great	price,	you	choose	the	way	of	fol	-	ly:				
life	that	nev	-	er	ends,	you	show	your	love	by	dy	-	ing,				



in	-	to	hu	-	man	time,	and	we	be	-	hold	your	glo	-	ry.
emp	-	tied,	you	draw	near,	and	we	be	-	hold	your	pow	-	er.	
scorned,	you	hold	us	fast,	and	we	be	-	hold	your	beau	-	ty.		
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dy	-	ing	for	your	friends,	and	we	be	-	hold	you	liv	-	ing.	

## SERMON



## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## PRAYERS

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** Hear us, O God

**C** Your mercy is great.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** 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 return to you for you are gracious and full of compassion. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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**

## EATING AND DRINKING

### SONG "Keep in Mind That Jesus Christ" (cantor sings once; **ALL SING REPEAT**)

*Kejran*  
Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the  
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

## DISMISSAL

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

God of steadfast love,

**G** **you walk beside us in desert places.**

**At this table you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.**

**Gather your people and send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

**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.

**G** **Amen**

**P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### CLOSING HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” (cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2; **ALL SING STANZA 3**)

Christ be my leader by night as by day;  
safe through the darkness for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings.  
You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the  
church or make your offering online.

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### OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP TODAY



Join us on the east side of the church for coffee and doughnuts  
this morning!

Please maintain social distancing as you visit and be mindful of  
everyone's health and safety in handling food and drink.



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# NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 4

See Pastor Jon if you are interested in participating

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## EVENING PRAYER THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

**Worship at 7 pm**

In person and live streaming

If you plan to worship from home, make sure you have a small bowl of water for the interactive prayer.

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