



March 20, 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent

### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT 6X)  
You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill)

### The Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever.*

### The Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### The Summary of the Law and Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

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(Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

(Chorus)

## The Epistle: Galatians, Chapter 3 (see Booklet)

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. John (8:51-59)

*Glory to you, Lord Christ!*

Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."<sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'<sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"<sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'<sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."<sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?"<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."<sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Glory to you, Lord Christ!*

**Sermon: The Spirit and the Law – Pastor Steve Noll**

## The Apostles' Creed

*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 Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. 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 of the People

**Leader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." [Add particular petitions silently or aloud before "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."]

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Martyn, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service,

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity,

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

We give thanks to you for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Prayer for Our Pastor-Elect

*We thank you, O heavenly Father, for having guided our church in the search for a new pastor. We pray for the Diocese as it concludes the search process. We pray for Ethan and Natasha and Briar as they prepare to leave their home and congregation in Rwanda. We pray that you will open*

doors for them to travel to Pittsburgh and find a home. Above all, we pray that you will by your Spirit prepare our hearts to receive them with joy, thanksgiving and expectation, that together we may be a witness in our community and beyond. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Our Annual Parish Meeting**

*Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at our Annual Meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Most merciful God we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name; through Christ our Lord.*

### **The Peace, Announcements, and Doxology**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

*You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.*

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

*Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.*

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **(sung)** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### **The Lord's Prayer (together)**

#### **Holy Communion**

(We invite baptized believers to share the Table with us. You may ask the Priest for bread only or gluten free bread. Cross your arms if you wish only a blessing)

#### **There Is a Fountain**

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Immanuel's veins

And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its pow'r  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more

Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die  
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Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die

### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless  
peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is  
mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall  
repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Post Communion Prayer

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Blessing and Dismissal

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ*  
All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*  
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ*  
And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. *Amen.*  
Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*