

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

ELW # 501: Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus
 ELW # 496: One Bread, One Body

Post-Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood...

Post –Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray, we thank you, living God,
**C: for the body and blood of your Son,
 which sustains us in the wilderness
 and the garden alike.
 As Christ has loved us in this feast,
 so send us to love Christ in our neighbours.
 In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Ministry Announcements

Blessing

P: Now is the acceptable time.
 Now is the day of salvation.
 Holy God,
 speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
 † bless you, unbind you,
 and send you in love and in peace.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW # 647: Glorious Things of You are Spoken

Sending

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

Welcome

We extend a warm and friendly greeting to all of our guests and visitors who are worshipping with us this day.

Congregational Mission Statement

Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ:
 Believing, Witnessing, Teaching, Sharing and Serving with all



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INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: **Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.
Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me

see screen

[Offering brought forward while sung.]

Presentation of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray, Holy and generous host,

C: **you set a table where we feast as friends.**

Prepare us to witness to your goodness

with every gift you have given us to share,

that all people may know your peace

through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...

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Eucharistic Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

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Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table where
everyone is welcome.

These are the gifts of God,
for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We have been birthed for holiness in Christ, by whose arduous labour we are awakened to life. That the wounds of our crucified Christ may not be in vain, let us pray to the Lord, singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

For the whole church catholic, for an end to our divisions, for all who lead and all who minister, and for all the baptized. Especially we pray for our bishops Susan and Michael, for the ministry of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and for our pastor, Brad. We pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

For the nations, for peacemakers, for all the world's peoples, for the governing authorities in every city and province (especially Justin, Doug and Christian), and for the wealthy and free to uplift the poor and oppressed, we pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

For the will to give all your people access to your grace, and for the will to supply food and sustenance to all the world's people. For all whom we avoid, those we consider ungodly, the outcasts and beggars, the downtrodden, for our enemies, and for an end to our hardness of heart, we pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, (especially those we name aloud and, in our hearts, now), we pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

For hearts to do what is good and right and true, and for humility before Christ, that we may never murmur against you, O holy God, we pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labours and worshiped you in truth, especially Mike. That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray; singing: **ELW # 751: ♪ O Lord, hear my prayer ...**

Pour your love into our hearts, O God of peace. Give us joy in our suffering, endurance in trials, character in times of weakness, and hope in adversity. So may we live, birthed always anew in you, who has gasped and panted for our life, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn **ELW # 770: Give Me Jesus**

Apostolic Greeting P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Kyrie **Kyrie eleison.** **ELW #151**

Prayer of the Day P: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

WORD

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

First Reading		Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm	Come Let Us Praise the Lord	see screen
Second Reading		Romans 5:1-11
Gospel Acclamation	Lord, Let My Heart...	ELW #512
Gospel		John 4:5-42
Video Sermon	Saying Sorry	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day **ELW # 611** **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

Affirmation of Faith **Apostle's Creed** **Page 105**