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OPENING LITANY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

...We praise you, O God, for water. **We praise you, O God, for water.**

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

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. We have disconnected ourselves from your creation We have not acknowledged your presence in the hearts of everyone that we meet. 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.**

As tender as parent to child... Blessed be God, who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever.**

GATHERING SONG O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS ELW #319

O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust in God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHORAL ANTHEM I HAVE FELT THE HAND OF GOD (C. COURTNEY)

Holy Trinity Chancel Choir

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

LENTEN VERSE

ELW P. 125

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised, we will trust your word.

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MATTHEW 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

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“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW CHAVANAK, OLF

SONG OF THE DAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW #838

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Heed us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Heed us, O God,. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great>**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. We pray especially for Kim, Dorisann, Dan, Steve, Jo, Ron, Robert, Barb, Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Courtney, Donna, Tim, Ron M., Jeremy, Linda, Vickie, Ed, Bonnie, Mary Lou, Jackie, Scott, Judy, Tom, Kaamil, Dave, Roberta, family and friends of Linnea Schulz, family and friends of John Mount-Campbell, family and friends of Jean Stegen, family and friends of Erik Hellstrom, and national and international leaders. For what else do the people of God pray today?

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you especially Linnea, Erik, John, and Jean. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation, by the pleading of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG

HOLY GROUND

W&P #59

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 135

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION SONG

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

GLORIFY THY NAME

W&P #42

Father [Jesus, Spirit] we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

ELW #550

On what has now been sown your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise!

To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,
may meet together thus when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!
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PURPOSE STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith
...by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.

BLESSING

May God, the Gardener of creation, keep you rooted in hope; may the
Living Water who wells up from Christ refresh and renew you; and may the
rushing Wind of the Spirit carry you forth to abundant love and grace, +
now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.