

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

Thought: In our world, it would be nice to think that no one ever “betrays” another. Yet, how many things said in private become public - gossip is alive and well. How many times does a person depend on the support of another and find only silence. Conspiracy literally means to “conspire against” another...not that that phrase is ever said or believed! Jesus speaks to us about who we love...Matthew 5:43 *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.* Maybe we even need to love one another, not insisting on our own way, even more?

Prelude -

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

THEME VERSE: *Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

Call to Worship

A: Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: the Lord redeems the life of his servants.

C: We are blessed to be a blessing.

A: None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn -
“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” Insert

<https://youtu.be/miKAl6REJnw>

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain - Sherman Oaks Lutheran Church

Invocation

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. (1 Peter 3:10-11). We confess to God that we have often spoken evil and lived deceitfully. We have turned from good to do evil and have pursued betrayal rather than peace.

C: Holy God, we acknowledge that we have betrayed you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not kept our tongues from evil, especially when slandering others. We have not sought peace with others, but have pursued

sinful revenge. Forgive our transgressions. Bring reconciliation and restoration to our relationship with you and our relationships with others.

P: We cry to you for mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A time of silence for prayer and reflection

P: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer." (1 Peter 3:12)

For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you righteous in his sight.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen.

Lenten Response -
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW 325

<https://youtu.be/TO1a6viAdrM>
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Fountainview Academy

Prayer of the Day

A: Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy.

C: Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness.

We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament Reading - Jonah 3:1-10
The Word came a second time to Jonah.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God

relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you up on my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Epistle reading - 1 Peter 3:9-12

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but bless.

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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

Holy Gospel - Matthew 26:47-50
https://youtu.be/Py_klezXfss

Judas' betrayal.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children of God Time
<https://youtu.be/s1dpv0kIJRI>

Homily - "Betrayal"
<https://youtu.be/2Yx-noJgnIc>

Hymn of the Day -
"Just As I Am, without One Plea" ELW 592

<https://youtu.be/CxA0TFfe3-Uo>
Just As I Am, without One Plea - SE Samonte

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

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names* and) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, you have planted us and tended to us. No amount of good can repay what you have freely offered.

C: Accept from us these gifts, this fruit,

A: our offering to you.

C: Use it to nourish the world.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: 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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Send us forth, burning with Justice, Peace, and Love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

“Come, Ye Disconsolate” ELW 607

<https://youtu.be/ft8rm9t22rI>

Come, Ye Disconsolate - Cairn University Chorus

Word's of Institution

The 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.

Distribution

Communion Music -

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, our Gardener, you have fertilized us that we might grow.

C: You have loosened our roots from the bondage of sin.

A: Now send your Spirit upon us. Help us to grow,

C: that we might bear good fruit for you.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction - from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - "Restore in Us, O God" ELW 328

<https://youtu.be/xXT-yVRNcJ8>

Restore in Us, O God - Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dismissal

A: Strengthen us to be brave rather than betraying anyone as we are called to serve.

C: Carrying forgiveness and reconciliation to others we are your disciples!

Postlude -