

*Morning Worship*  
*22 March 2020*  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Lord Calls Us*

Pastor: Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: The Lord bless you!**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22

Pastor: Amen!

**People: Amen!**

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH (L.M.)  
*Genevan Psalter, 1551*  
Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Thomas Ken, 1709

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## The Lord Cleanses Us

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Let us humbly confess our sins together . . .

CONFESSION OF SIN:

(Kneeling if able.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, **looking on You whom we have pierced, we mourn for our sins of thought, word, and deed which we are always committing against Your holy majesty and which made necessary Your suffering and death for our salvation; we have not loved You with all our heart nor humbly served one another as You have served us. In the midst of our earthly comforts, we have forgotten the pains and mortal anguish that You endured for our salvation.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Grant us a deeper understanding of all that You suffered, in Your betrayal, Your lonely agony, Your false trial, Your mocking and scourging, and the torture of Your death upon the cross. As You have given Yourself utterly for us, may we give ourselves entirely to You, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives You all your sins. Know surely, your sins are forgiven! Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Amen!

**Amen!**

## The Lord Consecrates Us

THE SURSUM CORDA

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a soprano line and a bass line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The final system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

(The congregation may be seated).

THE LESSON:  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 42:14-21

THE PSALM

Psalm 142



- [1] With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;  
with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.
- [2] I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;  
I tell my trouble be- | fore him.
- [3] When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!  
In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.
- [4] Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice | of me;  
no refuge remains to me; no one cares | for my soul.
- [5] I cry to you, | O LORD;  
I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living.”
- [6] Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!
- [7] Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name!  
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully | with me. **Amen!**

THE EPISTLE  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Ephesians 5:8-14

THE GOSPEL  
Pastor: The Gospel of Christ!  
**People: Praise be to Christ!**

John 9:1-41

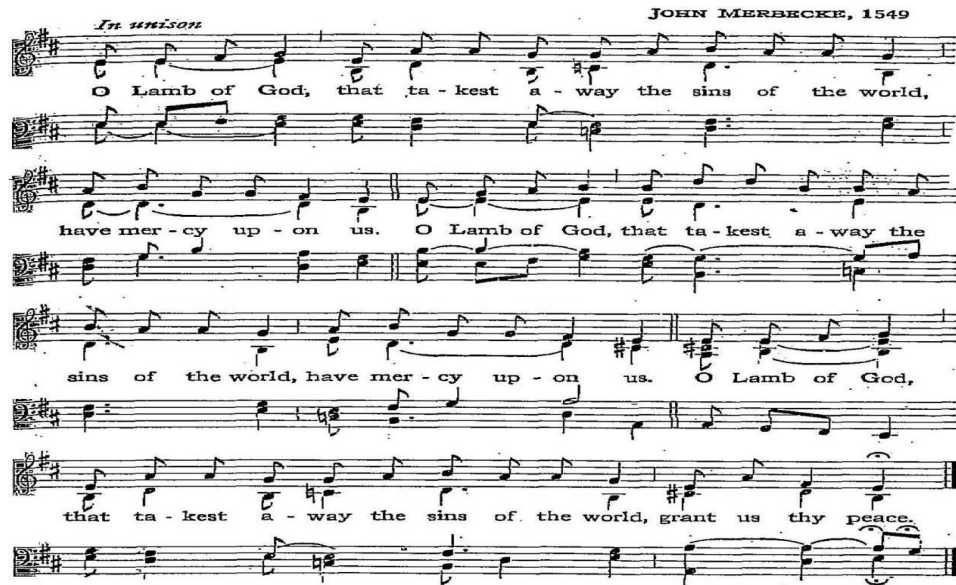
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PRAYER  
(Please stand after the prayer.)

## The Lord Communes with Us

### Agnus Dei

*In unison* JOHN MERBECKE, 1549



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God,  
that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### Intercessory Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

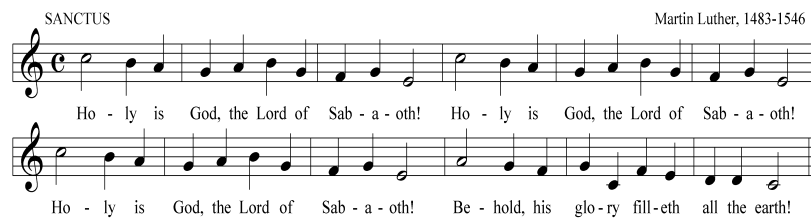
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is good and right to do so!**

Pastor: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, putting our hope in the gospel alone and denying ourselves so that we may serve one another. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

### Sanctus

SANCTUS Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!  
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

(The congregation may be seated).

### The Lord's Supper

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Amen. **Amen.**

## The Lord Commissions with Us

### Benediction

#### Threefold Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.