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**Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
February 25, 2026

## Welcome Visitors!

We are both excited and honored that you've joined us for worship today! We hope you'll join us again next week at 9:30am for Sunday School and 10:30 for worship.



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### Welcome and Announcements

#### † Opening Litany

**P:** We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Oh Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**P:** Hurry to deliver me,

**C: come and help me, my Lord and my God.**

**P:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### † Opening Hymn

“How Great is Our God”

**Chorus:** How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

**Verse 1:** The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

#### Chorus

**Verse 2:** Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
The Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

#### Chorus

**Bridge:** Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

#### Chorus

## † The Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Lord God, you have gathered us together to observe the Lenten journey. Encourage us in our disciplines of prayer, study, worship, giving, and serving so that Christ who humbled himself taking on the form of a servant, might look upon us in mercy. May our lives be governed by the Holy Spirit that we may be kept steadfast in the faith, and at the last be exalted with you in eternity. For you live and reign with the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

1 John 1:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.
- <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[a] it.
- <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.
- <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.
- <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
- <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

## PSALM 103:8-13

**L:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**C:** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**L:** he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**C:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

**L:** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**C:** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

## SECOND READING

Isaiah 53:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- <sup>8</sup> By oppression[a] and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.[b]
- <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- <sup>10</sup> Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes[c] his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
- <sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life[d] and be satisfied[e]; by his knowledge[f] my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,[g] and he will divide the spoils with the strong,[h] because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## † Response before the Gospel

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to the 23rd Chapter of Luke.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

## † Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-34

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

## † Response following the Gospel

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Homily

### † Homily Hymn “Jesus Paid it All”

**Verse 1:** I hear the Saviour say  
Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all.

**Chorus:** Jesus paid it all.  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

**Verse 2:** Lord now indeed I find  
Thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper’s spots  
And melt the heart of stone

**Chorus**  
**Verse 3:** And when before the throne  
I stand in him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

**Chorus**  
**Refrain x4**

Oh praise the one who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead.

**Chorus:** Jesus paid it all.  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.

## † 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 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. 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 Lord’s Prayer

### † Responsive Prayer

**P:** Let us gather our hearts together as one and offer our prayers to God.

*(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.)*

**P:** Let my prayer rise before you as incense.

**C: And the lifting of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**P:** It is you, loving God, who breathes life into each of us,

**C: It is you who calls us into existence**

**P:** It is you who forgives the sins of those who are penitent,

**C: create a new heart in us, O God, as we acknowledge our sin**

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**before you.**

**P:** You are the God of the living,

**C: and are pleased to offer us forgiveness and reconciliation.**

**P:** Stretch forth your right hand to save us,

**C: and defend us from our enemies.**

**P:** You, O Lord, see us who have no strength,

**C: and you revive us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

† **Benediction**

**P:** May the God of light and truth lead you from this place,

**C: be not far from me, O Lord, the rock of my salvation.**

**P:** May the Savior of the world encourage us to follow the example of his great humility,

**C: that we would be patient and long-suffering in our service.**

**P:** May the Holy Spirit accompany and guide us,

**C: and grant us peace at the closing of the day.**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† **Sending Hymn** “Goodness of God”

I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I’ve been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus:** ‘Cause all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire

In darkest night, You are close like no other

I’ve known You as a Father, I’ve known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God

‘Cause all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

**Bridge (x2):** Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me

With my life laid down, I’m surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after, it’s running after me

**Chorus 2x:** And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I’m gonna sing of the goodness of God

I’m gonna sing of the goodness of God

† **P:** Go in Peace. Christ is with You.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Week 1 — “Father, Forgive Them”**

Luke 23:33–34 “Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

*1. Who Is the “Them”?*

It is not just the hammer in the soldier’s hand...

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ in ours.

“He was pierced for our \_\_\_\_\_...crushed for our \_\_\_\_\_.” (Isaiah 53)

We stand at the cross not as \_\_\_\_\_...but as \_\_\_\_\_.

*2. What Does Jesus Do?*

He does not say:

“Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

“Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

He says:

“Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

He forgives in \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Forgiveness does not begin in the \_\_\_\_\_...

It begins in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### 3. *Where This Lands*

It is one thing to say:

“Jesus forgives sinners.”

It is another to say:

“Jesus forgives \_\_\_\_\_.”

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ clause in the cross.

If you are included in “them”...

You are included in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Because of Christ:

Forgiven people become \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Your sin is \_\_\_\_\_ — not because you earned it,

but because Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for it and \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

### Reflection Questions

1. What sin or guilt do you most need to hear Jesus speak forgiveness over right now?
2. Why is it sometimes hard to believe that Christ’s forgiveness truly includes you?
3. Who is someone you struggle to forgive — and how does Jesus’ word from the cross challenge you?

