

Prelude & Confession

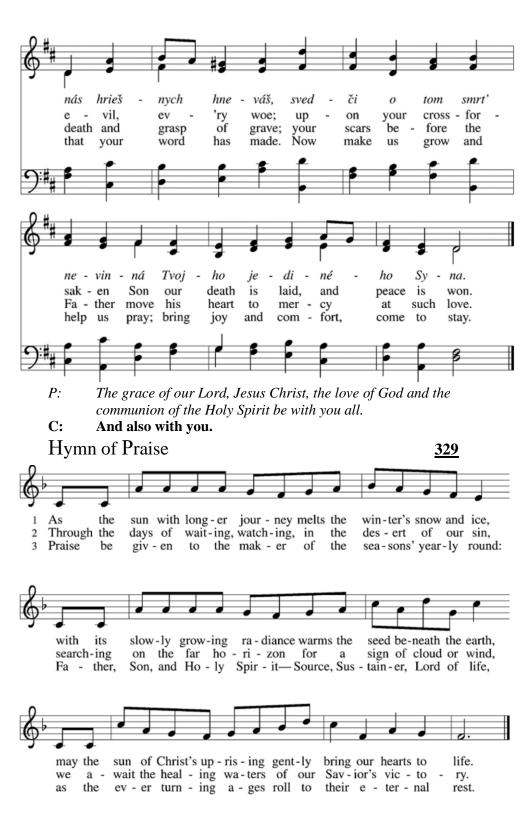
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Most holy and merciful God,

C: we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

- *P:* You shall have no other Gods.
- C: We are to fear, love and trust God above anything else.
- A: Do not take the Lord's name in vain.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not use His name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.
- *P: Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.*
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect His Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.
- A: Honor your Mother and Father.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in right authority, but respect, obey, love, and serve them.
- P: You shall not kill.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not harm our neighbor in any way, but help them in all their physical needs.

- *A:* You shall not commit adultery.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex and sexuality our words and conduct are pure and honorable, and spouses are to love and respect each other.
- P: You shall not steal
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's property or money, or acquire them dishonestly or unjustly, but help them protect what they have.
- *A* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, or betray, slander, or defame them, rather we should speak well of them, and interpret their actions in the kindest way.
- *P:* You shall not covet.
- C: We are to fear and love God, and so we should not seek by craftiness to gain any of our neighbor's resources, nor are we to obtain them under pretext of legal right, but we should be of service to them and help to them so that they may keep what is theirs.





Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, You gave Your Commandments to Your people in order to make us distinct for all others and that we would know what it means to live as your children. Send the Spirit upon us that our ears will be open to hear and understand the wisdom of Your teaching, that we will always praise and glorify you with what we do and leave undone. In the name of the one who gave and lived out the commandment to love, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

▲ I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you are not to have other gods in my presence.

You are not to make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You are not to bow down to them You are not to serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You are not to take up the name of Yahweh your God for emptiness, for Yahweh will not clear anyone that takes up God's name for emptiness.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you will labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; *you* will not do any work--*you*, *your* son or *your* daughter, *your* male or female slave, livestock, or the alien resident in *your* towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor *your* father and *your* mother, so that *your* days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You are not to murder.

You are not to commit adultery.

You are not to steal.

You are not to bear false witness against your neighbor.

You are not to covet your neighbor's house; *you* will not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people were seeing the thunder-sounds, the flashingtorches, the shofar sound, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "*You* speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of the Lord upon you so that you do not sin."

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!



The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. R

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb. R

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can defect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. \mathbf{R}

Second Lesson

1 John 2:3-17

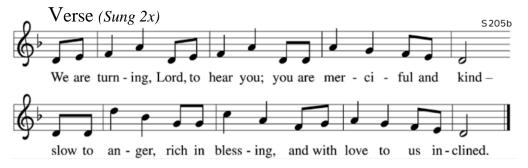
Now by this we may be sure that we know God, if we obey God's commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know God," but does not obey God's commandments is a liar and in such a person the truth does not exist. But whoever obeys God's word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in God: whoever says "I abide in God" ought to walk just as Jesus walked.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment but, an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet, I am writing you a new commandment that is true in God and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Jesus, who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in and you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world--the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches--comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Mark 7:1-13

And the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had been coming from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. And seeing that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without having washed their hands they were eating the bread (for the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they received, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles) the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walkabout according to the tradition of the elders, but eat the bread with defiled hands?" Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites! As it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' [Isaiah 29:13]

Letting go of the commandment of God, you hold to human tradition."

And Jesus said to them, "You reject the commandment of God so very well - just so that your tradition may stand. For Moses said,

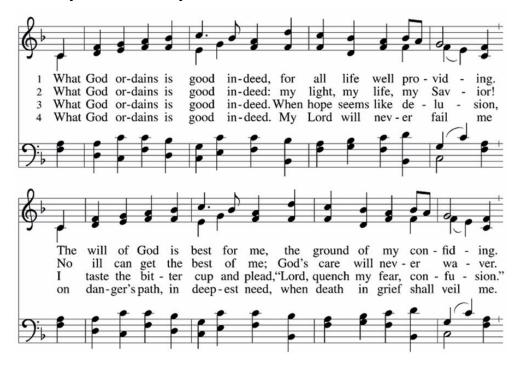
'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.'

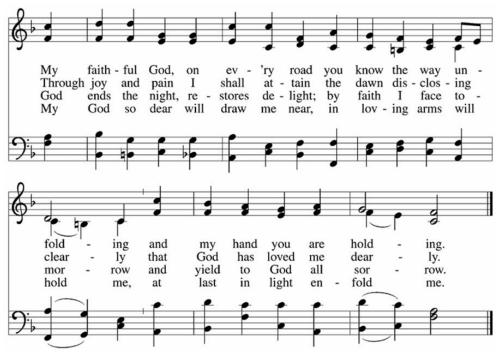
But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is "Corban"' (that is, an offering to God that takes away any support)-- then you no longer expect that person to do anything for their father or mother, invalidating the word of God by the tradition you have handed over. And you do many things like this."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day What God Ordains is Good Indeed 776





Apostles Creed

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived of 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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



Offertory Prayer

- A: Let us pray:
- C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen





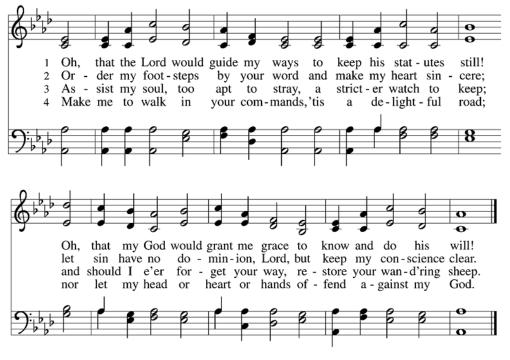


Come to me, distressed and needy, I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, Come, your open hands extend. Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam, Come and take the gift I offer, Let me make in you my home.



Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

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Dismissal



Sunday, March 3 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 5

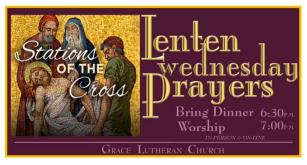
6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class **Note New Meeting Day** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting – in person only 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner Soup & Sandwiches – in the narthex 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 10 National Quilting Day

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class10:10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal







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