

4th Sunday in Lent

Praise Service



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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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+ Stand if you are able.

The Praise Team invites everyone to sing along

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP - *(In Unison)*

God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved!

May the truth of this great love story
shine through our worship today
and renew our sense of calling.

So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your
discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears,
and your longings;

+ OPENING PRAISE SONG - *God So Loved*

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness

come to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God's love and
mercy.

Come in friendship to God
and to each other,
and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.

Friends of God,
let us worship!

Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live
forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
 cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave
 us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live
 forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the
 world

Bridge (2 times)

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

+ PRAISE SONG - There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own
 Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave
 us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

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The power of hell forever defeated
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 world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
 cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

Jesus my Redeemer name above all
 names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Chorus

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

+ PRAYER

Lord, As we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. **Amen.**

READING - Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so those he redeemed from trouble
³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
¹⁸they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.
²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

PRAISE SONG - Thank you Lord

Verse

For all that You've done
I will thank You
For all that You're going to do
For all that You've promised
And all that You are
Is all that has carried me through
Jesus I thank You

Pre-Chorus

And I thank You thank You Lord
(And I thank You thank You Lord)
Thank You thank You Lord
(Thank You thank You)

Chorus

Thank You for loving and setting me free
Thank You for giving Your life just for me
How I thank You Jesus I thank You
Gratefully thank You thank You

OFFERING

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we stand in awe of your infinite sacrifice. You gave your beloved Son, Jesus, for our salvation. As we give our tithes and offerings, help us remember that our sacrifices, no matter how small, are echoes of your great love for us. May these gifts remind us that we are ambassadors of your love, mirroring the generous spirit of our Savior.

AMEN.

+ PRAISE SONG - God So Loved

For God so loved the world
He gave His one and only son
That whosoever believes in Him
They will not perish
They will have everlasting life

+ GOSPEL READING - John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

+ PRAISE SONG - God So Loved- reprise

For God so loved the world
He gave His one and only son
That whosoever believes in Him
They will not perish
They will have everlasting life
He loves us
God loves us more than we could know
He loves us
He gave His son
Jesus would come
To give it all
No greater love

For God so loved the world
He gave His one and only son
That whosoever believes in Him
They will not perish
They will have everlasting life
God so loved
God so loved

VISIT WITH RUFUS

Pastor Brian

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

+ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 into hell. 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 - Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

READING - Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

PRAISE SONG - Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

Chorus

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

+ 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.**

+ CLOSING PRAISE SONG - To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

+ BLESSING

God has shared the best with you, now you are challenged to go forth to share your blessings with others. May the peace and love of God go with you always!

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