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“STOP
MAKING MY FATHER’S
HOUSE A MARKETPLACE!”

JOHN 2:16, NRSV

March 04, 2018

The third covenant in this year’s Lenten readings is the central one of Israel’s history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther’s catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara & Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

All: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

L: On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

All: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

L: Come to hear. Come to learn.

All: Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

All: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.



HYMN . . . "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" vs 1, 2, 4

Text: Isaac Watts - Tune: William H. Havergal - Cranberry Book #772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



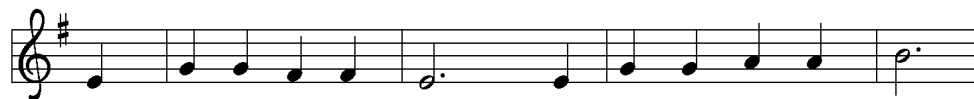
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.

All: Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: Teach us your ways and your paths.

Reader: Instruct us through your word,

All: As we humbly receive your lessons.

FIRST READING . . . *Exodus 20:1-17*

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not 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 shall not bow down to them or worship 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 shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your 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 shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to John the second chapter.*

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . *John 2:13-22*

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from

the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . “*Were You There?*” - *Carmen Blair*

Please Stand

HYMN . . . “*Built on a Rock*” vs. 1, 3

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig - Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman
Cranberry Book #652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
3 We are God’s house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - ’ry land, bells still are
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

Please Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As the Israelites brought the first fruits of their harvest, in gratitude for entry into the land of promise,

All: let us bring our gifts and offerings, in gratitude for God's abundant grace in our lives.

Be Seated

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (sung twice)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,

All: that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross. Unite us as one body in Christ. Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice and greed,

demonstrating with our words and bodies the love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor one another as you command. Protect refugees and immigrants fleeing from their homes in search of safety and freedom. Guide lawmakers, peacekeepers, and all who work toward reconciliation and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in need. For those who lack what they need for daily life. For people whose lives are consumed by their possessions. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation, and for their families, sponsors, and faith mentors. For Bible study leaders and participants. For our elders in thanksgiving for the depth of wisdom and experience they offer. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For

the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

All: All are welcome at God's table.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.
If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

THE DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Am the Bread of Life"

Text & Tune: Suzanne Toolan - Cranberry Book #485



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain



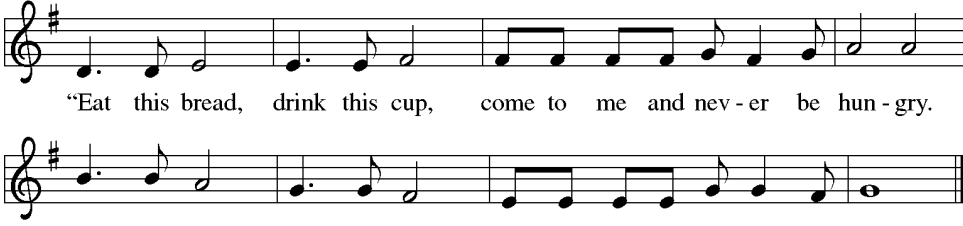
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Eat This Bread"

Text: Taizé Community - Tune: Jacques Berthier



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Christ has shown himself among us. God has made a dwelling place in the midst of us. This voice of peace has spoken and love has reached to every heart. May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Compassionate God,

All: you have fed us with bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1, 4

Text: Harry E. Fosdick - Tune: John Hughes - Cranberry Book #705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils
pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion
bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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