

... this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead ...

Philippians 3:13, NRSV

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Service of Word and Sacrament
as it is printed on page 26 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Opening Hymn

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”
Christian Worship 121 st. 1-4

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. Because of his great compassion, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A — — men!

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in

all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer- ci- ful Fa—ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;

you com — fort our spir—it; you make us pure and

Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on— ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,

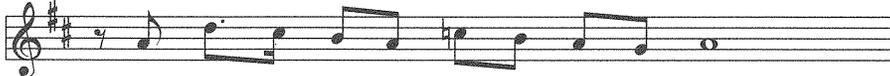
you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, you secured our release from justice and brought us new life through your suffering and death. Help us understand this new life is never subject to our desires or standards. Instead help us forget what is behind—our sin, our disobedience, and death. Then focus our complete attention on what you have set before us—our forgiveness, our righteousness, and eternal life. Give us the strength of faith to pursue these blessings throughout this life. At the end of our earthly sojourn, give us the victor’s crown of life. In your presence we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—for your undeserved love and favor.



C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶This is what the LORD says, who makes a road through the sea and a path through mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out the chariot and the horses, the army and the strong warrior. They will

all lie down together. They will not get up. They are extinguished.
Like a wick they go out.

¹⁸Do not remember the former things. Do not keep thinking
about ancient things. ¹⁹Watch, I am about to do a new thing. Now
it will spring up. Don't you know about it?

Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I
will make rivers. ²⁰The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches,
will honor me, because I am providing water in the wilderness,
rivers in a parched wasteland, to provide water for my chosen
people to drink. ²¹This people that I formed for myself will
declare my praise.

Psalm for the Day

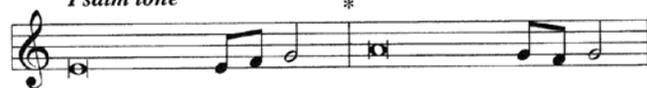
Psalm 73

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



I am always with | you, O LORD; *
you hold me by my | right hand.

You guide me with your | counsel, *
and afterward you will take me into | glory.

Whom have I in heav- | en but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- | sides you.

My flesh and my | heart may fail, *
but God is the strength of my heart and my
portion for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit; *
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain



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not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the

fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 6

WL: LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger. Do not discipline me in your wrath. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am fading away. Help me, LORD, for my bones are trembling, and my soul is terrified. Turn, O LORD, and deliver my soul. Save me because of your mercy.

The LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD accepts my prayer.

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Gospel

Luke 20:9-19

He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰When it was the right time, he sent a

servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.”

When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!”

¹⁷But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone?

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.”

¹⁹That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

WL: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Fight the Good Fight”
Christian Worship 457

Theme **“Press On Toward the Goal!”**
 Forget what is behind
 Strain toward what is ahead

The Confession of Faith

(We will join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayers for the Lord's Blessings

Special Prayers and Requests

Prayer for Those Receiving the Lord's Supper

C: Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up our hearts with thanksgiving and praise. Through the blood of your new covenant, you have cleansed from our sins and given us the assurance of eternal life. You also join us with believers throughout the ages by your body given for us. In this sacrament, we celebrate a foretaste of the feast now enjoyed by all who are in heavenly glory. As we receive your true body and blood, we rejoice in the rescue you have provided as our faithful Lord and loving Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: *(spoken with the pastor)*

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**



The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

The Words of Institution:

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Blessing of Peace;

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A — — — men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



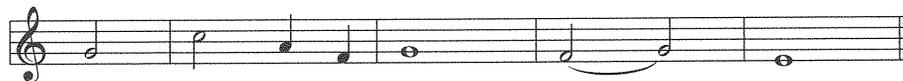
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

Please come forward along the west wall of the sanctuary in groups of five to seven. At the direction of the pastor, please come to the altar and he will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After drinking, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east side of the sanctuary. The closing blessing will be given after all have received the Sacrament.

The Blessing

P: Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day in the newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“What is the World to Me”
Christian Worship 477

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in our Savior’s Name!* May the blessing of our faithful Savior, and the strength which comes from the Gospel, lead you to press on to the goal of heaven.. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Committee meetings will follow as needed at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Mid-week Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm. We continue with the streaming of Star of Bethlehem’s service at 7:00 pm. We recognize this was a crucial time for our Savior, even more important it was a crucial time as he secured our forgiveness and peace with God.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean: Favuzzi

- Church Clean Up and Work Day at 9:00 am—Please speak to Jim Brown for the list of duties. Most are fairly easy—cleaning windows, dusting, vacuuming, taking down cobwebs inside and out.

Sunday, April 10th—Worship at 9:30 am. Palm Sunday is also know as the Sunday of the Passion. In our service we will consider why Jesus came into Jerusalem, and why we can join with the hymnist: “Ride on, ride in majesty; in lowly pomp ride on to die.”

Thank You

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In our Prayers

We continue to keep the son-in-law of Jan and Larry Scheffler who remains hospitalized; we pray for Karolyn Hanna who is steadily improving; we pray for Crawford Mc Cawley who had shoulder surgery on Thursday; we also continue to keep Lance Schroeder in our prayers as he works toward a full recovery.

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