

INTO THE LIGHT



The Fourth Week of Lent SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024





At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service. --Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

The Collect for this Fourth Week in Lent names Jesus as the "true bread which gives life to the world." At this point in our Lenten fasting, we have experienced longing for whatever we have given up. In this longing, let us remember that Jesus is the bread that satisfies and let us pray, in the words of the collect, that he may live in us and we in him.

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Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me; he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free. Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. All: His mercy endures for ever.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever. forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. And by the grace of God We will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. Please sit or kneel.

- Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt. You must not have any other gods but me.
 - All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not make for yourselves any idols. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: Keep the Sabbath as a holy day, to rest and remember the gifts of creation.
 - All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not kill. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not be guilty of adultery. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not steal. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not lie. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: You must not want what others have. All: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- Celebrant: If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to God, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.
- Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Trisagion

You may stand Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and migh - ty, Ho - ly Immor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

During the instrumental music, children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

> Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

⁴ They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- ³ He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- ¹⁷ Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.
- ¹⁸ They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- ¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- ²⁰ He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- ²¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- ²² Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

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¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

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JOHN 3:14-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



Into the Light

Bill Richardson Co Founding Pastor

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



* Greek: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone; For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

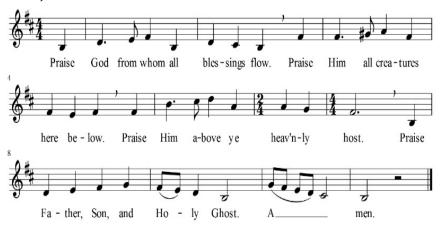
I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust, I will trust in You. Endless mercy follows me, Goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil; And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one; For You are with me, And Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know.

THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

- Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

- All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
- Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

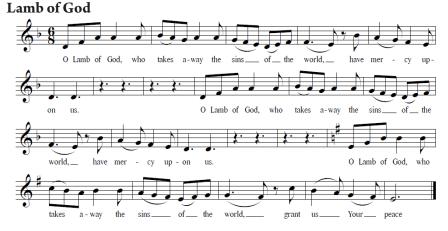
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

- All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.
- Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; All: Therefore let us keep the feast.



Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available on the pulpit side of the sanctuary

COMMUNION SONGS

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus; Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son. Thee will I cherish; Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair is the sunshine; fairer still the moonlight And all the twinkling starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Refiner

If the altar's where You meet us, Take me there, take me there, If what You need is just an off'ring, It's right here, my life is here. And I'll be a living sacrifice for You. Pre-Chorus You're a fire, the refiner, I wanna be consumed.

I wanna be tried by fire, Purified. I give whatever You desire. Lord, here's my life.

If Your glory wants to come here, Let it fall, we want it all. Your fire is consuming. Fill this place, set it ablaze, And I'll be a living sacrifice for You.

Clean my hands, purify my heart. I wanna burn for You, only for You. Take my life as a sacrifice. I wanna burn for You, only for You.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

God So Loved

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.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

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.

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

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 pow'r of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that that may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL



My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross

You're warmly invited to Savior's popular, interactive Stations of the Cross on March 15 2:00-8:00PM and Saturday, March 16, 9:00AM-3:00PM, at PHCC. This year, we're holding the Stations ahead of Holy Week, as a Lenten devotion. Please sign up for a time slot: FriendsoftheSavior.org

Good Friday Gift

Each year during Lent, Savior collects an offering to support a local organization working with people in need in our community. This year, we are excited to support People's Resource Center (PRC). PRC offers a variety of services, including food pantries, to people in DuPage county, and this year they are building a new facility in Wheaton because they have grown out of their current building. Our gift will go towards the purchase and installation of a new walk-in cooler for the new facility, which costs approximately \$25,000. To give towards this Good Friday gift, please write "Good Friday Gift" in the memo line of your check or select the "Good Friday Gift" option from Savior's online giving page.

Vigil Choir

Be a part of Vigil Choir! All singers are invited to join. Two rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary directly after the service on March 16 and March 23 (6:30-7:00 PM). Contact John Rakes, Pastor of Music and Worship, at john@friendsofthesavior.org.

Holy Week Guide

Holy Week Guides are here and gives details of what to expect during Holy Week. Pick one up in the foyer, or find it on the Savior website.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Join us tonight for dinner and discussion. Future Dates: April 6th and 20th.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for supporting this ministry of "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life."

This Year's Giving Goal: \$343,250 As of February 24th:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$47,025.20 Actual Giving = \$48,345.56 Over/(Under) = \$1,320.36

Good Friday giving: \$1,656.47

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LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The Cross and Community: Sharing Life as God's Family

February 14, Kevin Miller, Ash Wednesday, How to Settle Your Disagreement, Philippians 2:3-11; 4:2-3
February 17, Kevin Miller, Between the Beasts and the Angels, Mark 1:9-15
February 24, Rochelle Scheuermann, Merely Human Concern, Mark 8:31-38
March 2, Kevin Miller, The Protector, John 2:13-22
March 9, Bill Richardson, Into the Light, John 3:14-21
March 16, Kevin Miller, Kidnapped: The True Story of My Life, by Patrick

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We welcome you to worship with us throughout Holy Week.

Palm Saturday: Saturday, March 23rd, 5:00-6:30 PM — PHCC

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 28th, 7:00-8:30 PM — PHCC

Good Friday: Friday, March 29th, 4:00-5:30 PM — PHCC

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th, 5:00-7:00 pm — PHCC

Easter Celebration: Sunday, March 31st, 10:30 am-12:00 pm Tyndale Publishing House: 351 Executive Dr, Carol Stream, IL 60188



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