

Divine Service III  
February 1, 2026  
Septuagesima: Easter Preparation  
70 to go

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
 5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -  
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our  
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the  
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
 Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's  
 Lord, I plead, Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
 ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
 life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

**P** The Old Testament Reading for Septuagesima is written in Exodus, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Psalms 9:9–10, 18–19a

The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\*

a stronghold in times of | trouble.

And those who know your name put their | trust in you,\*

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,\*

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O LORD!\*

Let not | man prevail.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

**P** The Epistle is written in 1 Corinthians, chapter 9.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Standing*

## Tract

Psalms 130:1–4

Out | of the depths\*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!\*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | givenness,\*

that you | may be feared.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because

no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’  
<sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,  
 ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up  
 to the first.’<sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each  
 of them received a denarius.<sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they  
 thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a  
 denarius.<sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,  
<sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them  
 equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching  
 heat.’<sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong.  
 Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’<sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you  
 and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.<sup>15</sup>Am I not  
 allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you  
 begrudge my generosity?’<sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
 heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the  
 Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
 living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

*Sitting*

**Hymn of the Day**

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

**Sermon**



*Standing*

**Offertory**

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

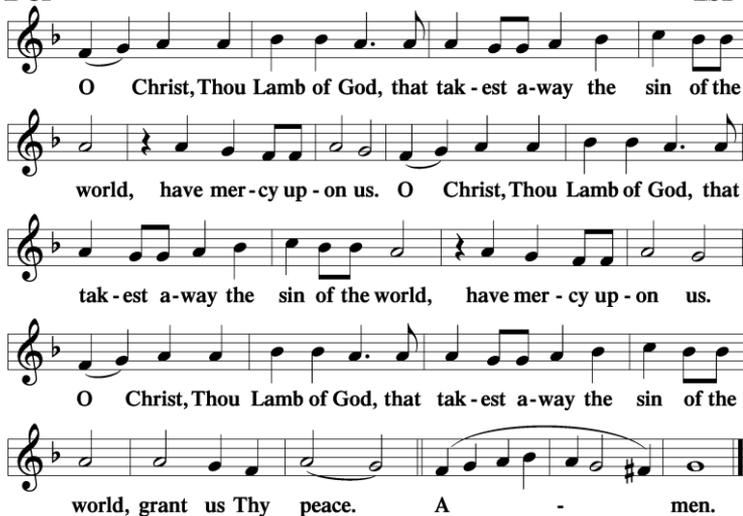
LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sitting*

**Distribution Hymn**

We Praise You, O God

LSB 785

**Distribution Hymn**

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song

LSB 812

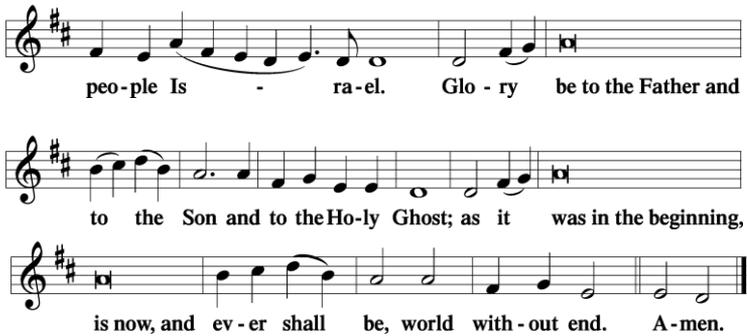
*Standing*

## Nunc Dimittis

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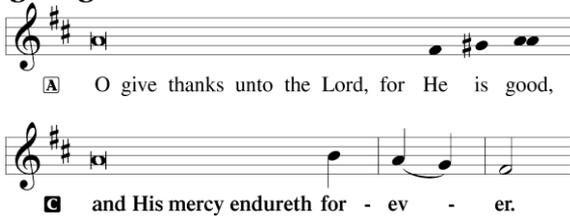
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

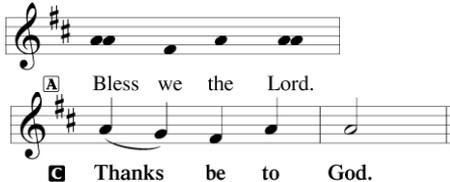
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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

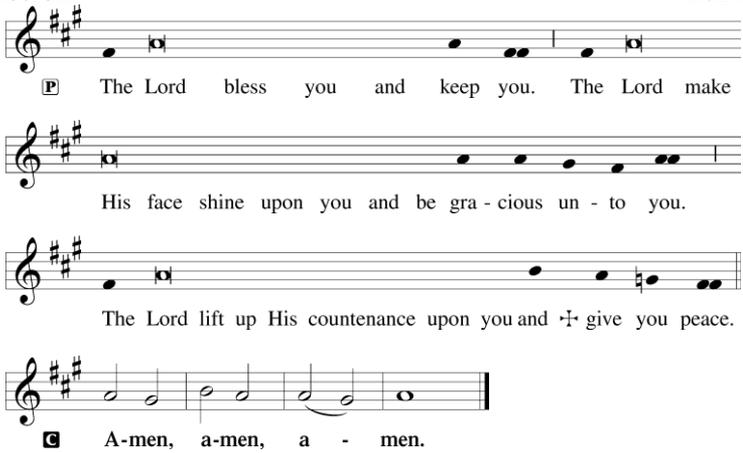
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**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

# Hymn to Depart

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555  
Stanzas 9, 10



9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un -  
Δ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in  
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your  
and sup - ply; The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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