



## LENTEN WORSHIP, March 3

PRELUDE      Nikki Basel

P: Together, let us call on the name of the Lord: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### ↑OPENING SONG

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

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### ↓WELCOME

P: Brothers and Sisters, we have come here to recall who we are—a people baptized into Christ, but a people who have not lived the life of Jesus. And so we are called by the all-powerful Word of God to a change of heart and living in God's Good News. If we are faithful to God's call, we shall be ready at Easter to stand up with the whole church and profess again our faith in the risen Christ. In order to hear that call more clearly, let us examine our lives in the light of the Gospel.

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE (from 1 John 1, Romans 8 and Augustine)

P: If we claim we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar and his word is not in us. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Today, let us confront evil, repent our part in it, and celebrate our liberation.

**C: O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruined, O repair it! But who shall cleanse it, to whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and turn Your servant from sin. Amen**

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

### PRAYER (together)

**C: Most wonderful God, we come before you, not because we are good people but because your name is Love, not because we have all the answers to life but because you are abundant life, not because we have a lot to offer you but because you offer us amazing love. Uncap those deep springs from which true love overflows into worship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Exodus 27:1-5 (NIV)**

**27** "Build an altar of acacia wood, three cubits high; it is to be square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. <sup>2</sup> Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze. <sup>3</sup> Make all its utensils of bronze—its pots to remove the ashes, and its shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans. <sup>4</sup> Make a grating for it, a bronze network, and make a bronze ring at each of the four corners of the network. <sup>5</sup> Put it under the ledge of the altar so that it is halfway up the altar.

**R: The Word of the Lord    C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

### RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 51:15-19 (ESV)**

R: <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C: <sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

R: <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C: <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;**

R: <sup>19</sup> then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)**

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**↑P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke Chapter 6**

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**P: This is the GOSPEL of our Lord! C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

**↓MESSAGE**

"Talking with Jesus about Who Is in Charge"

**Pastor Ben Unseth**

**SIGN OF THE CROSS**

P: Let all who humbly acknowledge their fragmented and brief, mortal lives, and place utter dependence on the grace of God in Christ Jesus, make the sign of the cross together.

**C: I rise and lie down, I live, and I shall die—in the name of the ✝ Father [touch the forehead], Son [touch the chest] and Holy Spirit [touch the shoulders].**

P: Mortal creature, remember that you are made of dust and to dust you shall return, but Christ has given you abundant life. Amen

**↑ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**C: I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to do what you will. Rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing; put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things for your pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant, which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**HYMN**

"Take My Life and Let it Be" (vs. 1-4)

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**OFFERING**

**↑LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**P: You have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you. The life you now live in the flesh, live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave himself for you.**

**SENDING HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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**DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**