

Perley Parish  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023

**Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

*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. 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*

**Blessing (sung)**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace  
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

**Bell**

**Sending Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

In the cross of Christ I glory  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified  
Peace is there that knows no measure  
Joys that through all time abide

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God**

Mark your calendars:

- 11am today – Confirmation and potluck at Nora
- Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 Dinner and 7:00 Lenten Service at Kirkebo
- March Nora Ushers: Eric & Rebecca Rensvold and Kim Haisley

**Prelude and Bell**

**Gathering Hymn: Gathering Hymn: Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy words; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

**Prayer of the Day: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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**Psalm 23** (Read Responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.** <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.** <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** according to John 9:1-41 **Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Message**

**Hymn of the Day/Offering:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path

and show me the way to the Father

In Him there is no darkness at all.

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**Offering Response:** *We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.*

**Apostle's Creed**

*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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen*

**Prayers of the people:** (Merciful God, receive our Prayer)

**Meal**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

**Words of Institution**

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**