

Prayer: Generous God, at this table of we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

Bell

Blessing: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Lift High the Cross LBW#377

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of god in conqu'ring ranks combine. REFRAIN.

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. REFRAIN.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. REFRAIN.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! REFRAIN.

Dismissal: Go in Peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars:

- **March 20 – Kirkebo Lenten Service. Soup & sandwich at 6:15 with service at 7:00**
- **March 24 – Palm Sunday**
- **March 31 – Easter Sunday 9:30 at Nora**

**Perley Parish
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024**

Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: In the Hour of Trial LBW#106

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me, lest by base denial I depart from thee. When thou seest me waver, with a look recall; nor from fear or favor suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures should this vain world charm, or its sordid treasure spread to work me harm, bring to my remembrance sad Gethsemane, or, in darker semblance, cross-crowned Calvary.

Should thy mercy send me sorrow, toil and woe, or should pain attend me on my path below, grant that I may never fail they hand to see; grant that may ever ease my care on thee.

Welcome and Announcements:

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.** Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.** Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

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

The Holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33 Glory to you O Lord

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

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: When Peace, like a River LBW#346

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; when sorrows, like sea billows, roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Offering Response: We give thee but thine own, whatever that gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O, Lord, from 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 (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**)

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us: ***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***

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. Amen

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. Amen.**

At Jesus's table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.