

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.



Expulsion of the Money-Changeers from the Temple ~ Luca Giordano

Watch our Chapel Service on CHANNEL 102

Order of Worship

Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!**

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn. **Refrain:**

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
 Not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your
 Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more,
 For the food they can never earn;
 There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 For the world is about to turn. **Refrain:**

Though the nations rage from age to age,
 We remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us
 From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that out forebears heard
 Is the promise which holds us bound,
 Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
 Who is turning the world around. **Refrain:**

Text: Rory Cooney, based on the Magnificat; **Music:** Irish traditional, arr. Rory Cooney. Text and arr.
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Cleansing

Harry Guest

Words of Welcome

Pr. Kristine

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We have turned from you and given ourselves over to other gods. We do not love you with our whole heart; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

Hear the voice from Heaven:

You are my beloved. I strengthen the weary;

I give power to the powerless.

Your sins are forgiven.

Go forth in my name. **Amen.**

I Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW 104

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.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
 Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 Never shall the cross forsake me;
 Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
 Light and love upon my way,
 From the cross the radiance streaming
 Adds more luster to the day.

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

Gospel of John 2:13-17

The Book of God
Walter Wangerin

For several weeks Jesus had secluded himself and his disciples in a small town east of the Jordan at the very edge of the desert.

Then early one Sabbath, he said, "Let's go."

Simon Peter said, "Go where, Lord?"

Jesus said, "To Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover."

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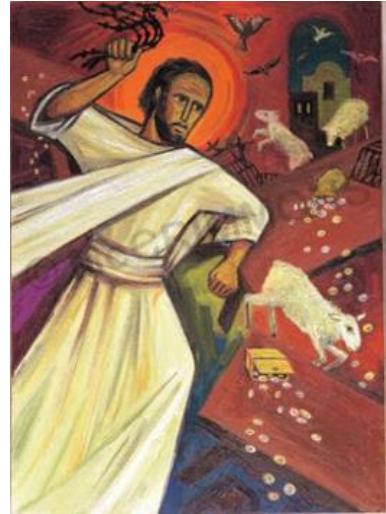
They were at the very gates of the Temple.

Jesus dismounted. The Lord went afoot, now, majestic and wrathful, through the Triple Huldah Gate in the southern wall of the Temple, his golden eyes fixed and flaming. The disciples could scarcely keep up with him.

Then Judas saw where Jesus was going. The booths. The hundred shops in the southern portico. The tables, the selling of animals for sacrifice, the money exchange, commerce in the precincts of the Temple.

As he approached the busy marketplace, Jesus twisted three cords into a whip. Then he cried out in a piercing voice, "Away! Away!" and began to crack his furious whip over the heads of merchants.

Judas trembled with pleasure. Now it was starting. This was Messiah. Jesus, hurling fire to earth. Jesus, the howl of God, whose voice is a rod of iron: *Judgment has come, O you people!* For look how the Master flings to the pavement the coins of the money changers! How he tips their tables over! And those who sell sheep and oxen and pigeons—they he drives out of the Temple, crying accusation like a Zealot: “Away with these things! Away! It is written, *My house shall be a house of prayer.* But you have made it a den of thieves! Away!”



All these things took place on the first day of the week, the Sunday before the Feast of Passover. On that day Judas said in his soul, *This is he whose coming is a refiner's fire—and who shall endure it now? Who shall be standing when this week is done?*

All the way back to Bethany, Judas wiped tears from his eyes and sighed with excitement.

But that was the last time he felt such joy. That was the last time Judas Iscariot was glad, for the rest of his life.

**Message**

Pr. Kristine

***Give Me Jesus***

Rhonda R.

**Prayers of the Church**

Book of Common Prayer

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

**Music:** J. A. Freylinghausen

## **Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper**



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**



# The Meal

**Communion Song**      *Let Us Break Bread Together*      Rhonda R.

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

**Refrain:**

**When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.      **Refrain:**

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.      **Refrain:**

**Text:** African American spiritual; **Music:** African American spiritual

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Announcements*****Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

LBW 333

Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

***Nunc Dimittis***

Lord, let your servant go in peace: according to your word;  
 For my eyes have seen your salvation;  
 which you have prepared before the face of all people;  
 A light to lighten the Gentiles:  
 and the glory of your people, Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ goes with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude***Send Me Jesus*

Rhonda R.

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**Thanks be to God for:**

**Mark Heiman  
 Rhonda Reece  
 Christiana Adams  
 All Saints Episcopal Church  
 NRC Residents, Staff, and Their Families  
 and  
 All God's Servants and Friends**

## Lent 2021

The NRC Chapel won't be used for holding services on Wednesdays. Channel 105 will be "open" for you to look and listen, pray and meditate—using the cross, candles, and the small altar covered with Lenten cloths.

We will play recorded music appropriate for Lent in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Pr. Kristine will pray silently in the Chapel for our residents, our staff, and their families.

Sunday services in Lent will incorporate Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week in their proper order and week.

## Concerning Offerings

The Community Action Center (CAC) of Northfield fulfills the great and growing needs of our neighbors by providing resources for shelter, food, clothing, and other basic necessities.

You can make a charitable, tax-deductible contribution to the critical work of CAC online at:

**<https://communityactioncenter.org/donate/>**

**or** you can send your check directly to:

Mr. Scott Wopata, Executive Director, CAC, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200, Northfield, MN 55057



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