

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15th Anno Domini (The Year of Our
LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Draw Me Close to You

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.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Ps

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

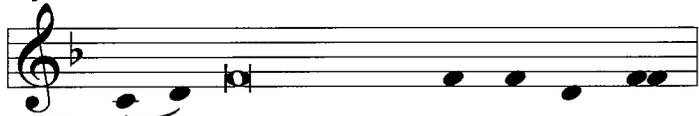
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



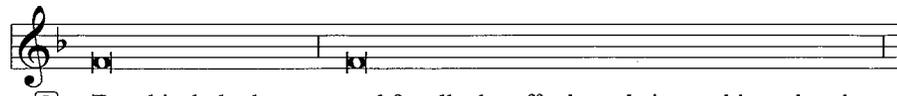
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



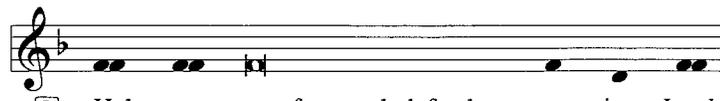
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12: 2

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 9: 1 - 41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Sermon - "What Do You Want to Hear?" *John 9:1 - 41*

MEMORY VERSE:

John 9: 35 - 38



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Announcements

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Stand

Closing Hymn - I Surrender All

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

C Amen.

Sit