



THE SIN IN THE ROOM

A Lenten
Sermon Series



**INCLUDES
ENLARGED HYMNS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

Welcome to the house of our God on this Ash Wednesday evening.

Tonight we inaugurate our celebration of the season of Lent. By the fourth century the church had determined that a period of fasting and repentance that corresponded with Jesus' forty days of temptation in the wilderness was an appropriate way to prepare for the celebration of the passion and death of our Savior. By counting backwards from Easter (excluding Sundays which were "feast days"), Wednesday became the start of the seven-week period we continue to observe today. The Lenten season is characterized by personal reflection upon one's own sin, repentance (the "giving up" of all that which contributes to sin and separation from God) and a celebration of all that Christ has accomplished for us through His suffering and death.

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Prelude on Psalm 23

Callahan

Cindy Egeland, *flute*; Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Invitation to Worship

Leader: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

People: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!

Choral Introit

Franklin Kyrie

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 103

Mr. Peter A. Chace, Director of Next Generation Ministries

Prayer of Invocation

Holy and loving God, as we worship You this evening, we long for Your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

Gathering Hymn **No. 713**

vv. 1-4

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

Responsive Reading

from Psalm 119

Leader: You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word. You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.

People: The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep Your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in Your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Repentance

Almighty God, You despise nothing You have made, and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Private Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Lenten Response

Franklin Kyrie

Choral Anthem

Out of the Depths
Cindy Egeland, *flute*

Frost

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Scripture Reading

Joshua 7:10-26

Communion Meditation

The Sin in the Room

Pastor Devlin

Communion Hymn **No. 378**

vv. 1, 2, 5

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pen.

Please note that the smaller communion plate contains gluten-free bread.

Both wine and grape juice are available; juice is located in the designated purple area on the tray.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 261**

vv. 1-3

What Wondrous Love Is This

Benediction

Postlude

Wondrous Love

arr. Pooler

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Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. Luke 1:50

1. Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall,
 2. The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O turn us not a - way;
 3. Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and ours no less we own,
 4. When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea, be - set our coun - try round,

and hum - bly, with u - nit - ed cry, to you for mer - cy call.
 but hear us from your loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
 yet won - drous - ly from age to age your good - ness has been shown.
 to you we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

5. With one consent we meekly bow
 beneath your chast'ning hand,
 and, pouring forth confession meet,
 mourn with our mourning land.

6. With pitying eye behold our need,
 as thus we lift our prayer;
 correct us with your judgments, Lord,
 then let your mercy spare.

John H. Gurney, 1838
 Mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

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Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. John 6:51

Capo 3: ♮ (G) (D⁷) (G) (C) (Am⁷) (G) ♮ (Em) (F#)

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I
 2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God, here drink with
 3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song; this is the
 4. I have no help but thine, nor do I need an - oth - er
 5. Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness; mine is the

(Bm) (E⁷) (D/A) (A⁷) (D) (D⁷) (C)

touch and han - dle things un - seen, here grasp with firm - er
 thee the roy - al wine of heav'n; here would I lay a -
 • heav'n-ly ta - ble spread for me: here let me feast, and,
 arm save thine to lean up - on: it is e - nough, my
 guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood; here is my robe, my

(D⁷) ♮ (G) (C) (G) (D⁷) (G) ♮

hand th'e - ter - nal grace, and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 side each earth - ly load, here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 • feast - ing, still pro - long the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 Lord, e - nough in - deed; my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 ref - uge, and my peace, thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

What Wondrous Love Is This

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1

Chords: F Dm Am C Em Dm C Dm Dm⁷ C 7 F

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

Chords: C Bm Am G Am G C Dm C F C F C

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Chords: Dm C Am Bm⁷ C Dm Am Em Dm C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Chords: Dm Dm⁷ C 7 F C Bm Am G Am G C Dm 7

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Franklin Kyrie

All voices



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



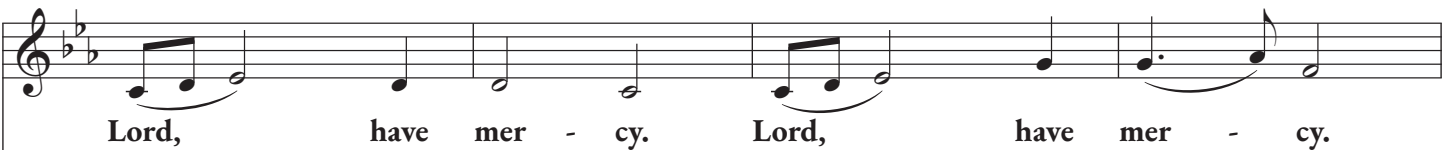
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

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