



*Jesus, the Way of the Cross*  
**March 22, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*



## MEDITATION

[God] immediately took my life into his saving grasp and began to transform it radically. My destructive addictions were replaced by a hunger and thirst for his Word and for fellowship with Christians.

- Eta Linnemann

Conversion is the total change of a man's chief end.

- Thomas Goodwin

What think you of Christ? is the test,  
To try both your state and your scheme;  
You cannot be right in the rest  
Unless you think rightly of him.  
As Jesus appears in your view,  
As he is beloved or not,  
So God is disposed to you  
And mercy or wrath is your lot.

- John Newton

*These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.*

	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, March 23rd	Psalms 143	1 Kings 17:17-24	Acts 20:7-12
Tuesday the 24th	Psalms 143	2 Kings 4:18-37	Ephesians 2:1-10
Wednesday the 25th	Psalms 143	Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41	Matthew 22:23-33
Thursday the 26th	Psalms 31:9-16	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Philippians 1:1-11
Friday the 27th	Psalms 31:9-16	Job 13:13-19	Philippians 1:21-30
Saturday the 28th	Psalms 31:9-16	Lamentations 3:55-66	Mark 10:32-34

# WELCOME

*Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.*

## *For Parents:*

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

### *Infant & Toddler Care*

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

### *Children & Worship*

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

## **ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST + TRINITY**

Lent is a 40 day season of confession and repentance in preparation for Easter. Christians have been keeping the season of Lent since the 2nd century. During this season Christians typically fast on certain days and abstain from certain things in order shape our hearts and souls towards repentance. The 40 day fast of Lent symbolizes several events in salvation history: Jesus' 40 day fast in the wilderness, Israel's 40 year wandering in the desert, and the 40 days of rain cleansing the earth during the flood of Noah, among others. The liturgical colors for Lent are purple and black, symbolizing mourning and repentance.

*Please note that our services are live-streamed.*



## LITURGY OF PREPARATION

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!**

**Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

- Psalm 28:6-9

### Gathering Hymn - Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood  
He presents our souls to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood  
Has secured our way to God

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace  
In Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more

## **Confession Hymn - Lord, Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, lead us in the way of your justice  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to serve in our weakness

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to tend to creation  
Holy Spirit rest upon us, guide us from our path of destruction

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness & Peace**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]*

# Hymns of Praise and Adoration

## ***Come Ye Sinners***

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
full of pity love and pow'r

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh  
I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him  
I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all  
I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

## **Lead Me To The Cross**

Savior I come quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh lead me  
Lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried, human  
The word became flesh, bore my sin in death  
Now You're risen  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh lead me  
Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You  
Oh lead me  
Lead me to the cross



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Living Our Faith**

### **Blessing Our Children**

Jesus called the children to him and said,

**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,**

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.**

*March Memory Verse*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:38-39*

### **Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 130; page 614*

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 52:13-53:3; page 729*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading**

*Romans 8:6-11; page 1122*

The Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:  
**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*Mark 8:22-38; page 1002*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Peter Rowan - Jesus, the Way of the Cross

## **Creed**

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I arise today, through  
God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils, From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.**

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

- *St Patrick's Prayer*

## Offering of Prayers of the People

**God of all seasons,  
in your pattern of things  
there is a time for keeping and a time for losing,  
a time for building up and a time for pulling down.  
In this season of Lent  
as we journey to the cross,  
help us to discern in our lives  
what we must lay down and what we must take up,  
what we must end and what we must begin.  
Give us grace to lead a disciplined life,  
in glad faithfulness and with the joy  
that comes from a closer walk with Christ.**

Hear us as we bring before you the needs of our church, our community and the world.

**In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*Romans 8:32*

*Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically.*



## Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Invitation**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

#### **Praise God for His Mighty Acts**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

#### **Praise for Christ's Sacrifice**

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to the Table

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us once for all upon the cross.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast!**

## Sharing Holy Communion

*Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.*

## Closing Prayer

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Benediction

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.  
**Amen.**  
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.  
**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn - Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain  
In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the bright and morning star  
Shed His beams around me  
In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross! O Lamb of God  
Bring its scenes before me  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadow o'er me  
In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Amen.**



## ATTRIBUTIONS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Easter Bag Decorating Next Sunday, March 29**

After church on the 29th, children are invited to decorate Easter bags in the Social Hall. During that time we ask that any adults who are willing help stuff Easter eggs in Hannah and Jess' office. We will hold a children's Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday after the service and champagne toast.

### **Holy Week Events**

- March 29 - Palm Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday Seder dinner at 6 pm in the Social Hall
- April 3 - Good Friday worship service at 6 pm in the Sanctuary
- April 5 - Easter Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a champagne toast and light refreshments in the Social Hall. The Easter egg hunt will start after the toast.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

### **Easter Lilies**

If you'd like to sponsor an Easter lily, please complete an order form (available outside the church office and the Narthex) and drop it off at the office. You can also contact the office by phone or email. Please include the name of anyone you'd like to honor or memorialize, as well as any text you want to include in the list of sponsors. The cost is \$8 per plant.

### **Your Opinion, Please**

Tell the world what you think about Second City Church! We would appreciate your thoughts and feelings. Please post your reviews here: <https://g.page/r/CUcSD7VFzpLoEAI/review>  
Your review will show up in our google business profile and will help us reach into our community.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for:

Dottie Roden  
Darwin Leshner  
Virginia Anderson  
Greg Nies  
Wes and Cynthia VanderArk

Chuck Bagley and Bagley/Gazsi families  
Sophia James, USAF  
Elizabeth James  
Christine Zubrod Perrin  
Jon Yawger  
Dawn Benner  
Donna Weatherly

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please consider liking, following and subscribing to our social media! Also, when you see, read or watch something you like, share it with your friends. It's a helpful way to let others know we are here!

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



## Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attendee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member

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