



HOLY CROSS

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In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Contemporarius

March 12, 2023

10:00AM

Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified—
For every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—
claimed by the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of Man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

Kyrie

(Set to the tune of "Father, I Adore You")

Now in peace let us pray to God
Kyrie eleison
Lord, have mercy.

For the world, for the church of God
And the unity of all
Lord, have mercy.

For this house, those who worship here
For our neighbors far and near
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save and defend us
Grant us comfort, grant us peace
Amen, a-men.

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

Anne Piphó

WORD

First Reading	<i>Water from the rock in the wilderness</i>	Exodus 17:1-7
Psalms		Psalms 95
Second Reading	<i>Reconciled to God by Christ's death</i>	Romans 5:1-11

Lenten Acclamation

"As the Deer (Psalm 42)"

**As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.**

Gospel	<i>Baptismal image: the woman at the well</i>	John 4:5-42
Sermon		Pastor Penni
Hymn of the Day	"Come to the Water of Life"	ACS #995
Apostle's Creed		P. 105

**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 saints,
 The forgiveness of sins
 The resurrection of the body,
 And the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

God of Grace,
Hear our prayer (response)

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Musical Offering Worship Band

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
 And let these gifts to us be blest.
 Blessed be God, who is our bread.
 May all the world be clothed and fed.
 Amen.**

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Communion

Communion Hymns "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Just as I am"

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#592

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Sending Song "Everlasting God"

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon
the Lord.**

(Repeat)

**Our God, you reign forever.
Our hope, our strong Deliver' rer.**

Chorus

**You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting
God.**

You do not faint, you won't grow weary.

**You're the Defender of the weak, you comfort
those in need.**

You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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Benediction and Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light
Thanks be to God.

Holy Cross Prayer List

Horace Clair
Bennet Case
Rex Thomsen
Adele Nelson
Erik Weishelbaumer
Judi Makowski

Brian Rich
Shaundra Rana
Dorothy Strecker
Bob Hinshaw
Winnetta Mahaffey
The Family of Lynn McCracken

Phil Wolfe
Kristie Overstreet
AnneMarie Hill

Leading our Worship today

Pastor

Pastor Penni Walsh

Assisting Minister

Gordy Ellingson

Communion Stewards

Darlene Besser & Becky Weiss

Cantor

Beth Letendre

Organist

Susan Cicirello

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Sound Tech

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Zoom Host

Annette Stott & Ann Marie Kaspersen

Greeter

Merle & Martha Lydick

Join us on ZOOM

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