**Service of Word and Table**

at

**Epworth Free Methodist Church**

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**March 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

*Third Sunday in Lent*



**So I turned to the Lord God**

**and pleaded with him in prayer and petition,**

**in fasting, and in** **sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9:3 (NIV)**

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**“Through the deep current of the historical Wesleyan church we will collaboratively serve and reach the lost in order to make disciples who love Jesus.”**

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**Rector and Pastor:** The Rev. John Crow

**Cantors:** Bryan Vanshur, Shannon Nichols

**Readers:**

**Old Testament:** Stan Crow

**Psalm:** Stan Crow

**Epistle:** Adam Graham

**Acolytes:** Stephen Crow, Josiah Crow, Corbin Crosswhite, and Jessica Crosswhite

**Jr. Acolytes:** Asher Crow & Lizzie Crosswhite

**Usher:** Asher Crow

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**ACTS OF ENTRANCE**

**Prélude**

**(The people enter and remain in prayer and meditation.)**

**Entrance canticle (cantor only):**

“Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed, I know not, O I know not, what joys await us there, what radiancy of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng: the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.” (Jerusalem the Golden, vv. 1-2, Bernard of Cluny)

**Processional Hymn (all standing):**

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*  (No. 121)

**Minister:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** *His mercy endures forever.*

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**Minister:** Let us pray.

**(All standing):** *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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.* *Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity:**

**Minister:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The *Trisagion:***

**Minister:** Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**People:** *Have mercy upon us.*

**Mutual Invocation of the Grace of God for the Service of the Word:**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.* **(The people then be seated.)**

**The Ten Commandments (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** God spoke these words, and said, I am the Lord your God:

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make to yourself any graven image, to bow down to them, or worship them.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

**The Great Commandments (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Kyrie (the people sitting):**

**People:** *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson (the people sitting):**

**Reader:** The Old Testament lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of Exodus, beginning at verse 1:

1. Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
2. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.
3. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.”
4. When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”
5. Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
6. And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
7. Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,
8. and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
9. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
10. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”
11. But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”
12. He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”
13. Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”
14. God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”
15. God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.  (ESV)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm: (The people sit for the responsive reading, by half-verse, of a portion of Psalm 63, a song of dependence upon God.)**

**Reader:** The Psalm is chapter 63, beginning at verse 1.

**Reader:** 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

**People:** *my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*

**Reader:** 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,

**People:** *that I might behold your power and your glory.*

**Reader:** 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

**People:** *my lips shall give you praise.*

**Reader:** 4 So will I bless you as long as I live

**People:** *and lift up my hands in your Name.*

**Reader:** 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,

**People:** *and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,*

**Reader:** 6 When I remember you upon my bed,

**People:** *and meditate on you in the night watches.*

**Reader:** 7 For you have been my helper,

**People:** *and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.*

**Reader:** 8 My soul clings to you;

**People:** *your right hand holds me fast.*  (BCP)

***Gloria Patri*:**

**Reader:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** 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 which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which 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.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Epistle (the people sitting):**

**Reader:** The Epistle lesson is written in the tenth chapter of the first letter to the Corinthians beginning at verse 1:

1. For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
2. and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
3. and all ate the same spiritual food,
4. and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
5. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
6. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.
7. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”
8. We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
9. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,
10. nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.
11. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.
12. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
13. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (ESV)

**Reader:** Here ends the Epistle.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn (all standing):**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*, vv. 1-2 (No. 220)

**The Gospel (all standing, and turning toward the Gospel reading):**

**Minister:** The holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, beginning at verse 1:

**Minister:**

1. There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
2. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?
3. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
4. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?
5. No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”
6. And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.
7. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’
8. And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.
9. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” (ESV)

**Minister:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to You, Lord Christ*.

**Sequence Hymn (all standing):**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*, v. 3 (No. 220)

[Elementary age children may exit for Children's Worship in the Parish Hall.

They will return to the service at the Passing of the Peace.]

**Minister:** Grace be unto you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** *Amen.* **(The people then be seated.)**

**The Sermon**

**Minister:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Silence, for review of the sermon, and for meditative prayer**

**SERVICE OF THE TABLE: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Nicene Creed (all standing):**

**Minister:** Let us confess our faith, saying:

**All:** *We believe in one God,*

*the Father, the Almighty,*

*maker of heaven and earth,*

*of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*the only Son of God,*

*eternally begotten of the Father,*

*God from God, Light from Light,*

*true God from true God,*

*begotten, not made,*

*of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*

*he came down from heaven:*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*

*and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again*

*in accordance with the Scriptures;*

*he ascended into heaven*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,*

*and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

*He has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,*

*and the life of the world to come.* *Amen.*

**Minister: (The people sitting)** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory:**

**Offering Hymn (all standing):**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (No. 83)

**Minister:** All things come from You, O Lord.

**People:** *And of your own have we given You.*

**(The people then be seated.)**

**The Prayers of the People (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray for the Church and the world. For the unity of the Church throughout the world, that we might faithfully preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the persecuted church, and for its persecutors, that You would turn their hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For our President and all who govern and hold authority in our nation and in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the good earth which You have given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For all ministers of your Gospel, that they might faithfully preach your Word, administer your sacraments, and care for your people, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among all nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For all those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that in due time we may all stand reconciled before You, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and captives, the unemployed, and all who are in need or trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For our enemies and all who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** For this congregation, that we might show forth your glory in all that we do; and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, including these: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

[Nation: Bulgaria

Denomination: Pentecostal Freewill Baptist

Congregation: Presbyterian Church, Sudbury, MA, and the Rev. Desiree Lawson

Ministry: Exponential

Parishioners: Those living on Mountain View Drive],

Grant that all of these may be delivered from anxiety, and live in joy, peace, and health.

*(Please add your own intentions, either silently or aloud.)*

**Minister:** Let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Minister:** We bless your holy Name for the thanksgivings of your people, including these: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored;Give us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

*(Please add your intentions, either silently or aloud.)*

**Minister:** Let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Collect (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** O Lord, please break through and open doors to new hopes, dreams and possibilities for our church and in our own lives; and we will surrender and faithfully follow Christ into the adventure of Your new and unknown future. May your will be done.

**All:** *Amen*.

**Preparation for Holy Communion (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** The Lord’s Supper was ordained by God to be a means of conveying grace according to the need of each person. Those for whom it was ordained are all those who know and feel that they want the grace of God, to restrain them from sin, or to forgive their sins, or to assure them of pardon, or to renew their souls in the image of God, or to enter into the holy presence of God in communion with him. No preparation is indispensably necessary, other than a desire to receive the grace God pleases to give. No fitness or church membership is required at the time of communicating, other than a sense of our state, of our utter sinfulness and helplessness apart from Christ. Therefore, if you want such grace as God pleases to give to you, draw near with faith, and as you prepare to receive this holy sacrament to your comfort and strength, make your sincere confession to Almighty God, kneeling if you wish and are able, or otherwise sitting.

**The Prayer of Confession, Petition and Thanksgiving:**

**(The minister kneels, and the people kneel or sit.)**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all persons: We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. You have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. Where there is sin or falling short of your will in our lives, or any spiritual pride, carelessness or presumption on our part, or any failure to see or know your good and righteous will, we earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our misdoings. Forgive us all that is past, grant that we may ever serve and please You in newness of life, and accept our thanksgiving for the wondrous grace and forgiveness You extend to us, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Prayer for Absolution (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto You; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Comforting Words of Forgiveness (the people sitting):**

**Minister:** Hear what comforting words our Savior Christ says to all who truly turn to him: Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Hear also what St. Paul says: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear also what St. John says: If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the atonement for our sins.

**The Passing of the Peace:**

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Minister:** As the peace of Christ has been extended to you, extend the peace of the Lord to one another, and greet one another in the name of the Lord. **(The people rise and remain standing.)**

*(The people greet those near to them, saying, “The peace of the Lord be with you,” or, “Peace be with you,” or simply, “Peace.” They respond to one another, “And also with you,” or simply, “Peace”.)*

**Hymn of Invitation to Communion (all standing):**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life* (No. 387)

**Preparation for the Table:**

**(Minister:** I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, O LORD, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.) [Psalm 26:6-7, NIV]

**The *Sursum Corda* (all standing):**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** *It is meet and right so to do.*

**The Salutation:**

**Minister:** It is very meet, right, and our gladsome duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God,

**The Preface:**

**Minister:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**Minister:** Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying,

**The *Sanctus* (all standing, saying):**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory*; *hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.*

**The Prayer of Humble Access and for Cleansing**

**(the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But You are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to experience the spiritual presence of your dear Son Jesus Christ at this your table, that we may be made clean by his body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Deliver us, gracious Lord, from the presumption of coming to this table for solace for ourselves only, and not for strength to serve You and others. Deliver us, gracious Lord, from the presumption of coming to this table for pardon of our sins only, and not for transformation of our lives in your holiness. Amen.*

***Epiclesis* Prayer (Invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the Bread and Wine)**

**(the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Holy Father, You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that in obedience to You, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from You, You did not abandon us to the power of death. Again and again You called us into covenant with You, and through the prophets You taught us to hope for salvation. In the fullness of time You sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfull your purpose he gave himself up to death, and made the whole creation new. And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit, that they may be to us the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice to Christ, to the praise of your holy Name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Father Almighty, now and for ever.

**All:** *Amen.*

**The Words of Institution (the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Minister:** Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**The Fraction:**

**Minister:** Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

**Minister:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and rose again, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**The Communion, Open to all:** *(After the minister(s) and acolyte(s) are served, the people come forward to receive, as space is available. The people kneel if they are able, or stand.* **Communion by intincture: The people receive the Bread in their open hands, continue to hold it, then dip the Bread in the cup, and then consume.**) *They return to their seats via the side aisles.*

**Renewal of the Mutual Invocation of God’s Grace for the Eucharist:**

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Living Sacrifice:**

**(The minister kneeling, the people kneeling or sitting):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *O Lord and Heavenly Father, we heartily thank You because You feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; because by this You assure us of your favor and goodness toward us; because we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. We ask You to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ and through faith in him, we and all your whole Church may obtain all of the benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly asking You that we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.*

**The Prayer of Lenten Dedication (all standing):**

**Minister:** Let us pray together:

**All:** *O Lord, inspire your Church to witness to her Lord at this season by following You in humility and simplicity of life. Give us wisdom to make good resolves and grace to maintain them. Grant that we may so deepen and purify our worship that we shall know more fully your holy will. Amen*.

**ACTS OF DISMISSAL**

**Recessional Hymn (all standing):**

*The God of Abraham Praise*  (No. 346)

**The Prayer of Benediction:**

**Minister:** Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Minister:** Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.* **(The people then be seated.)**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Postlude:**

**(The people sit and remain quiet until the candles are extinguished and the organ raises its voice.)**

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John Wesley’s *Order for the Administration of the Lord’s Supper*,

The 1662 and 1979 editions of *The Book of Common Prayer,* and

*Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*

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**Scripture Lessons for March 30 (Lent 4)**

Joshua 5:9-15; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Parish Prayer This Week and Next Sunday**

Those living on Northview Circle

**Parish Notices**

**Seder Meal Presentation**

On Tuesday, April 1st, we are cohosting a seder meal presentation by Chosen People Ministries at 7 pm. The event will take place at Grace Anglican Church (2490 N. Milwaukee St.). It is called Messiah in the Passover, demonstrating the messianic connection to the Jewish Passover meal. A love offering will be received. All are welcome!

**Coming Events at Epworth**

Today, 10:00 am Word & Table Service

Today, 11:40 Afterword (moderated

discussion)

Today, 4:00 pm Renewing Worship Service

Monday, 10:30 am Children’s Story Time (in the

library)

Monday, 24 MAR Board Meeting (6:30)

Wednesday, 1:30 pm Learning to Read (in the

library)

Thursday, 27 MAR Lenten Evening & Healing

Prayers (7 pm)

Tuesday, 1 APR Seder Meal Presentation at

Grace Anglican (7 pm)

Sunday, 13 April Palm Sunday **(9:50**

**Procession)**

Saturday, 3 MAY Men’s Breakfast (8:30)

**Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday – April 17th, 7 pm

Good Friday – April 18th, 7 pm

Easter Vigil – April 19th, 8 pm

Easter Sunday – April 20st, 10 am

**March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

19 – Asher Crow

21 – Shannon Nichols

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***Healing prayer is provided every week upon request***

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