

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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10:30



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WELCOME

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

685, v 1-4

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 119:33–35, 40–41

Pastor: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

People: **Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Pastor: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: **Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

People: **Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

People: **Amen.**

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT, Isaiah 42:14–21

EPISTLE, Ephesians 5:8–14

HOLY GOSPEL, John 9:1–41

HYMN OF THE DAY God Loved the World So That He Gave # 571, 1-6

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

