

# A HOLY LENT

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Indiscriminate Mercy*

Sunday, March 27, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name;  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION:**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness. (*1 Peter 2:24*)

**INTROIT:** *Kyrie Eleison*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN #68:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*...to hear God's Word...*

**FIRST LESSON**

Joshua 5:9-12 (*Old Testament page 197*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**PSALM**

Hymnal #798: Psalm 32

**SECOND LESSON**

2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (*New Testament page 181*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (*New Testament pages 78-79*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN #355:** *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

**SERMON:** *Indiscriminate Mercy*

Rev. Steve Elde

*...and to respond with our lives...*

**CHORAL ANTHEM:** *The Crown of Roses*

by Pytor Ilych Tchaikovsky

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

\*Doxology

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

*...in the places we now go.*

\***HYMN** #346: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

\***BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join us after the service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall  
for our annual Prayer Partners Breakfast.*

*All are welcome!*



### TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by **Beth Anderson** in honor of her grandmother's **105th** birthday. *Happy birthday to **Jean Shumaker!***

### SPECIAL THANKS

GUEST MUSICIAN: Isabella Kodama, cello

GREETERS: George and Claire Scranton

READERS: George and Claire Scranton

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Deeann Puffert

USHER: Mary Hjelm

LIVESTREAM: Phia Waite



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