
OUR JOURNEY:

WONDER OF WANDERING

THE THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
March 7, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Minor, Op. 7, no. 2

M. DUPRÉ

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

PULKINGHAM/JOHNSON

High Voices: Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son, Ky - ri -

Low Voices: Ky - ri - e E le - i - son,

e E - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son.

Verses For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God,

through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously.

**Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that
comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

LESSON

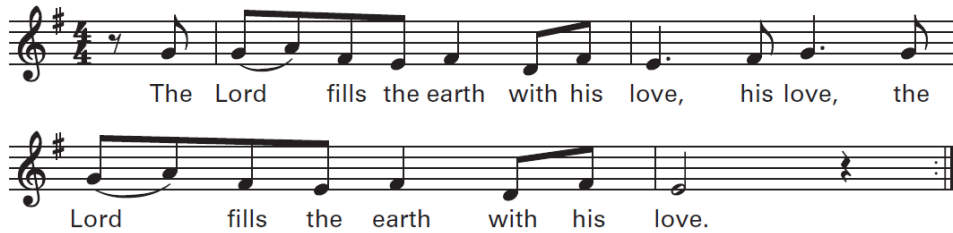
Rob Sawyer, Lector

Exodus 20:1-7

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Verses The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
 The Lord loves justice and right, and he fills the earth with his love. **Refrain**

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
 The Lord collects the waves of the ocean, he stores up the depths of the sea. **Refrain**

They are happy whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.
 From the heavens the Lord looks forth, and he sees all the children of the earth.
Refrain

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
 May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **Refrain**

LESSON Eliseo Paniagua, Lector 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

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GOSPEL PROLOGUE

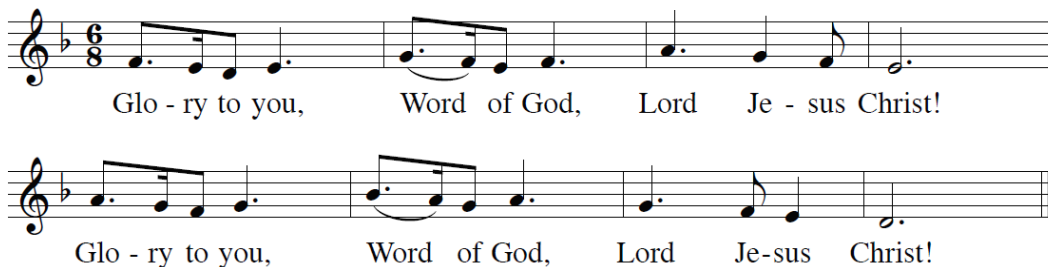
*One does not live on bread alone,
 but every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 2:13-22
*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple.
 When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection.
 In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Refrain



CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Mohler Family

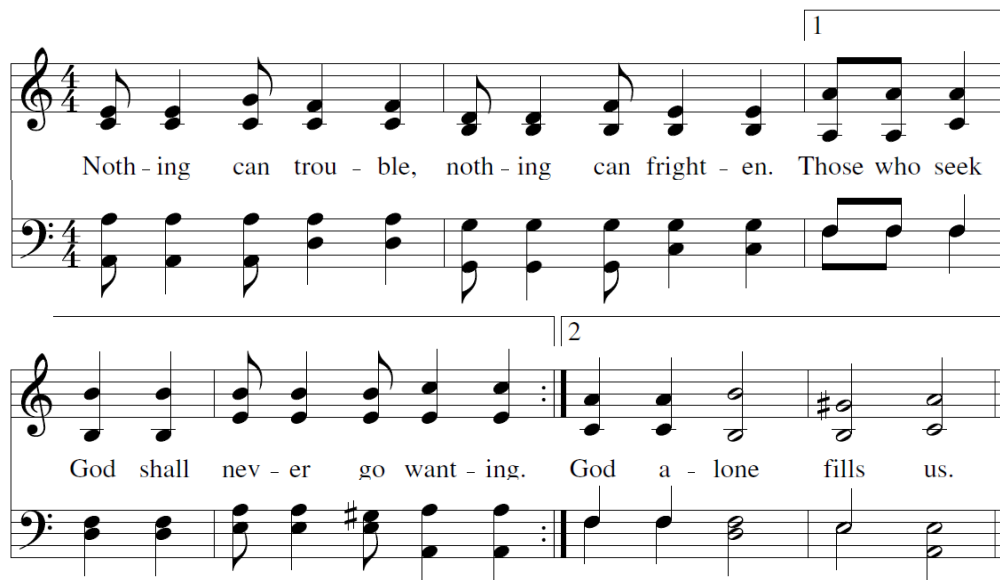
SERMON

Pastor Frank Espegren

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

Nothing Can Trouble

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Lucy Lindgren

After each petition: Hear us, O God.**Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity amidst a national and global emergency,
we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need.*

Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings.

You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

*If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our
Worship With St John's Card here.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing
(Nettleton)

ARR. S. JOHNSON

Daniel Boschee, Violin

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Gracious God,

**we have heard your Word of Life today. While our sin is great, your
determination to save has proven greater. Thank you for Jesus who leads us out
of the wilderness and into the community declaring, "The kingdom of God has
come near." Embolden us with the gift of your Holy Spirit that we may share
your love and salvation with all creation, through Jesus Christ in whose name
we pray. Amen.**

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

S. JOHNSON

Congregation

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal-low-ed be___ thy name___ Thy king-dom
come,___ Thy will be done,___ on earth,___ As it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day___ our dai-ly bread And for-give us our tres- pass_ es___
As_ we___ for -give Those who tres -pass_ a -gainst_ us___

Music continued on next page...

And lead us not In-to temp - ta - tion And de-liv-er us from
e - vil... For thine is the king dom and the pow - er And the glo - ry for -
ev - er, and ev - er, and ev - er. A - men.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Lift High The Cross

HYMN 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Frank Espegren
Liturgist	Pastor Jon Haug
Lectors	Rob Sawyer, Eliseo Paniagua
Children's Sermon	The Mohler Family
Assisting Minister	Lucy Lindgren
Assistant Director of Communications	Esperanza Foft
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Assistant Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Viola	Howie Montenegro
Violin	Daniel Boschee
Cantors	Joel Barkel, Heather Mercer, Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell, Eliseo Paniagua, Sarah Jessop Street
Audio/Visual Technicians	John Bologni/Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft, Sierra Ronning

