



King of Kings

5th Sunday in Lent
March 26th, 2023

AS WE GATHER

TODAY'S THEME

What are you willing to give up for God? During Lent, some of us have fasted from certain things as a little sacrifice to God in honor of what He did for us. But, what if God asked you to sacrifice your child? What if He asked for your own life? Would you be willing to sacrifice those things? God is devoted to taking care of us. Today, we consider if we share the same devotion.

WELCOME

Good morning! We are glad you are with us today. If you need assistance this morning, please feel free to speak to an usher. They are near the glass doors at the back of the room. Our Nursery and Cry Room are on the right side of the Sanctuary. Feel free to use them! We ask that you please clean up after your child(ren).

HOLY COMMUNION

We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. We invite those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table who:

1. Believe Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.
2. Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of Christ.
3. Confess their sin, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend, with God's help, to amend their sinful life.

It is our desire that everyone who comes to receive Holy Communion to be in unity of faith with the community of King of Kings. More information about what we believe is available on our website: www.KingofKingsTX.org/what-we-believe

The ushers will direct people forward to the altar rail. The Body of Christ is offering first. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Red wine is offered next in the small cups in the tray. Alcohol-free white grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the tray. The pastor will give a blessing to children and to those who do not desire to receive Communion or are new to the Lutheran tradition. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail to receive the blessing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Victim Divine, Your Grace We Claim

Victim Divine, your grace we claim,
As here your precious death we show;
Once offered up, a spotless lamb,
In your great temple here below,
You did for humankind atone;
And now you stand before the throne.

You stand within the holiest place,
As once for guilty sinners slain;
Your blood for sinners intercedes,
Redemption for the world to gain.
Your blood shall still our ransom be,
The payment made to set us free.

We have no need to go to heav'n
To bring the long-sought Savior down;
You are to all already giv'n,
And even now your banquet crown.
To ev'ry faithful soul appear,
And show your very presence here.

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EXHORTATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 43:3–5; vv. 1–2a

Pastor: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

People: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Pastor: For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

People: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

Pastor: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

People: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

Pastor: I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

People: (sung) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with

hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 8:46–59

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: Not All the Blood of Beast

LSB 431:1-2, 5

Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

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THE MESSAGE: Sacrifice

Genesis 22:1-14

VOTUM

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer)

Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy:

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(Last prayer)

Pastor: *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,*

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

PREFACE

LSB 194

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

Pastor: *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

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

Pastor: *It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with*

all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He, blessed is He
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 197

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.

The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.

The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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HYMN: My Song is Love Unknown

LSB 430

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes
That He His foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

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HYMN: The Lamb

LSB 547

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

CHORUS

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

CHORUS

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill.

CHORUS

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.

CHORUS

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.

CHORUS

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NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

LSB 201

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Before the Throne of God Above *LSB 574:1-3*

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP

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