



**The First Sunday in Lent – Good Samaritan**  
**February 21, 2021**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”

Johann Pachelbel

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM\***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and placed us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy all who thirst,  
and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ, our living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned,  
and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of  
the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ  
our redeemer.

**Amen.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Bruce Neswick

## FIRST READING

Psalms 15

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NARRATIVE READING

Luke 10:25-42

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Richard Gillard

## CREED

"Grace Like An Ocean"

Grace is like an ocean  
And The Spirit hovers over the face of these waters  
Yet we're not meant to play it safe by the harbor  
We are all drawn deeper and farther  
Called into relationships to travel seas uncharted

Like raindrops  
On our cheeks and our chests  
Our tears and our sweat  
Connecting our bodies, our blood  
Streams of consciousness collected in  
Pondering ponds, puddles, swamps, and gutters  
Wandering waters so often huddled where we're taught they don't belong

However far from the garden—  
Life grows wherever the water flows  
In the cracked concrete of a city street or even in the desert heat we can still find the  
budding of rose

Only our imagination limits where Holy Spirit moves  
Like a flood  
Breaking gates and walls  
Baptizing beyond the lines of society

And our comfort zones

The raging waves make mountains, and shape diamonds cut from stone, gentle drops soak the soil where the smallest seed becomes the tallest oak

No place too high or too low, too remote or too close

Grace explodes and unfolds

The tides are ever changing and giving rise to new hope

Remember these waters where it all begins

Where we all belong

All gathered, all called, all sent

Grace is the water in which we all swim

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response.*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

Lord, in your mer-cy, hear our\_ prayer.

Li - sten to our cry.

*(Brief Silence)*

Each petition concludes:

[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless” (BWV 618)

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