VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Dinah Helgeson

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frankie Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

- Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious and merciful God,
- We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

 We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.

 We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.

 We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,

 or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.

 We have neither worked to release the oppressed

 nor admitted our own captivities.

Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.

- P God, who is merciful and kind,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
 hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
 and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
 to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
 to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
 that they might praise God and serve the world
 with glad and generous hearts.
- P For freedom Christ has set you free.
- C Thanks be to God.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Marita Ericksen, Cantor



HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen, Rev. Barich, solo, Verses 1, 2 & 3





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: 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.**Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Martha Gebhard, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Exodus, Chapter 20.

L: God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

Marita Ericksen, Cantor



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The heavens declare the glo- ry of God, *and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale | to another, *and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

Although they have no words or language, *and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, *where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

*it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again; *nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

*the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

*the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and en- dures forever;

*the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

*sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your ser- vant enlightened, *and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses? *Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

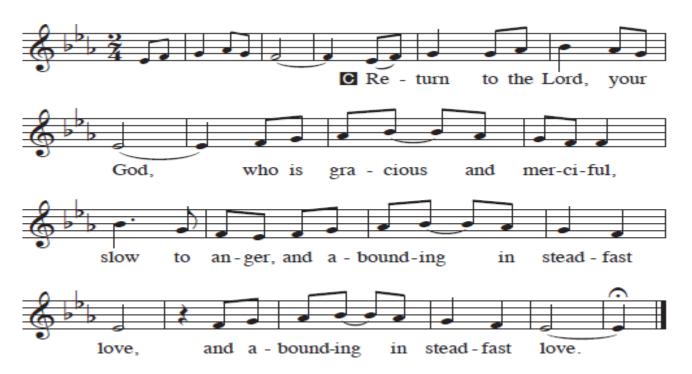
Martha Gebhard, Lector

- L: A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1.
- L: The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of Life. Thanks be to God. Please stand as able

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: from "Tree of Life", by Marty Haugen, p. 10



GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 2. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

MESSAGE: Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day: ELW, #736, vs. 1, 3 & 4

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. <u>Please sit</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Harriet Shull Nelson, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

A: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,

Amen. Congregation stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, holy", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, pp. 14-15, by Marty Haugen HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P: **Invitation to Communion**: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", p. 17, by Marty Haugen



Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

ELW, #856

How Great Thou Art



P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

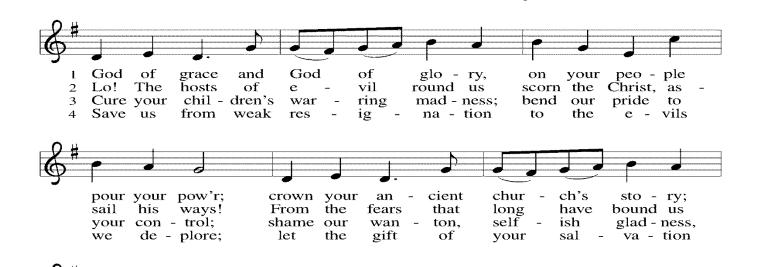
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

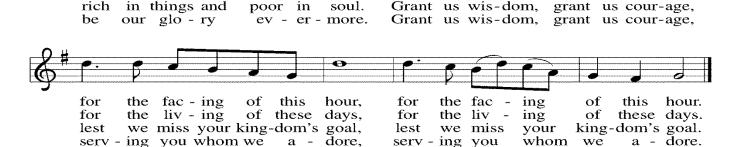
P: Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

Sending Song: ELW, #705, vs. 1 & 4

God of Grace and God of Glory





Grant us wis-dom,

Grant us wis-dom,

grant us cour-age

grant us cour-age

glo-rious flow'r.

faith and praise.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

bring its bud

free our hearts to

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share your bread. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants This Morning: Worship Assistants next week (3/10/24: Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich

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Assisting Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson Assistant Minister – TBA

Lector – Martha Gebhard Lector – TBA

Communion Assistant – Patte Wagner Communion Assistant – TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Dinah Helgeson Musician – Dinah Helgeson

Cantors - Marita Ericksen, Rev. John Barich Cantors - TBA, Rev. J. M. Barich

Communion Set Up – Judy Carr Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

<u>Concordia Choir, Moorhead, MN</u> – PLU Lagerquist Hall, Thurs., Mar. 7, 7:30 PM. At Univ. Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Fri., Mar. 8, 7:30 PM. Dr. Michael Culloton; JS Bach, familiar choral hymn arrangements.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> to help.

<u>The Care Closet</u>, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. <u>Vashon Care Network</u> – 206-473-8715. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP</u> - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st Food Bank Sunday

10:30 AM Worship 6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

Mar. 3, 1:00 – 5:00 PM Drama Dock "As You Like It" rehearsal

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group

4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group

Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon

Lutheran Quilters Group

VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC

Mar. 28, 5:00 pm IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

Mar. 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM Youth Group Retreat w/ Dinah Helgeson

REMAINING LENT - EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAR 6 - MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE SERVICE @ Vashon

Presbyterian Church

MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and

preaching)

MAR 25, 26, 27- MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC (Fr. Clendenin & Pr. J. M. Barich)

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC w/ VLC & CHS (Pr. Weber preside & preach;

Pr. Barich & Fr. Clendenin participate)

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS MAR 31 – EASTER BRUNCH 9:00 AM @ VLC

MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for March 3, 2024

ELW, 324, v. 1, 3 & 4 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW, 736, v. 1, 3 & 4 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

ELW, 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 856 How Great Thou Art

ELW, 705, v. 1 & 4 God of Grace and God of Glory