



Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Psalm 19"

Marcello

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

All: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Liturgist: They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

All: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Liturgist: In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

All: The heavens declare the glory of God. Let us worship God.

Psalm 19:1-6

* **All Singing: 2 "O Worship the King"**
Singing verses 1 – 4

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** 232 “Come, Holy Ghost”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

All: **The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Liturgist: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

All: **By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

Liturgist: But who can discern their own errors?

All: **Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.**

Psalm 19:7-13

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: “Jesus, Strong and Kind” CityAlight
Ensemble introducing; all joining as able

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him
Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind

**Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him. Refrain**

**For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me. Refrain**

Liturgist: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

All: **Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age?**

Liturgist: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

All: **Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,**

Liturgist: but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All: **For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

* **All Singing:** **174** “I Stand Amazed”

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.**

Psalm 19:14 adapted

Scripture: John 2:13-22

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Looking for God

* **All Singing:** **770** “In Christ Alone”

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Zuni Christian Mission

* **All Singing:** **959** “Glory Be to the Father”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

A WORD OF GRATITUDE & BLESSING

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **938** “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Organist: Dora Diephouse
Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco
Guitarist / Vocalist: Moises Pacheco
Vocal Ensemble: Lydia Carlson
Karis & Moriah Dykstra
Lillian Post
Norah Van Wyngarden
Alto Saxophone: Danielle Murawski
Tenor Saxophone: Aaron Murawski
Percussion: Clay Carlson
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Ari Varghese
Liturgist: Lisa Dykstra
Prayer: Bill Boerman-Cornell

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