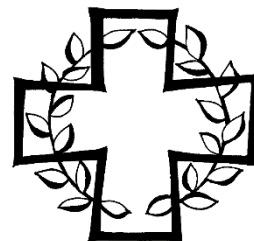


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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING SONG

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where the streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering.  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.  
You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

## CONFESSING OUR SINS AND HEARING GOOD NEWS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection.*

God our comforter:  
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.  
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.  
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.  
Free us from our sin, gracious God.  
Listen when we call out to you for help.  
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*My Life is in You, Lord*

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.  
I will praise you with all of my strength.  
With all of my life, with all of my strength.  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You.  
My life is in You, Lord.  
My strength is in You, Lord.  
My hope is in You, Lord,  
In You, It's in You. In You.

## PRAYER

We pray together:  
O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.  
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

ALLELUIA

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** **Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** **Pastor Robin Schaunaman**

**SONG OF THE DAY** *Cry of My Heart*

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
So I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
All of the days of my life.  
All of the days of my life.

### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*[Prayers of Intercession]*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

### OFFERING

*Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at [zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving](http://zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving) or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.*



### OFFERING SONG

*Step By Step*

**\*\*Noisy Offering will be collected at this time\*\***

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

#### BLESSING

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

*Holy is the Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now.  
How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing,  
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now.  
How great, how awesome is He.  
And together we sing,  
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
It is rising up all around;  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,  
Everyone sing.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

### **SENDING WORDS**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**

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