

CCTP Order of Service

3 March 2024

Lent 3 (The Evil Spirits)

[Dinner begins with “As We Gather” and open-prayer.]

1. Entrance

[Singing + Standing] Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

The Lord bless you,

He who made heaven and earth!

Songs.

2. Purification

[Singing] The Lenten Hymn

Let us go up to Jerusalem,
where the Son of Man will be crucified.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

And with Blind Bartimaeus, let us cry for mercy;
that we may know Christ and follow Him.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Let us discipline our bodies in this Great Fast,
that we may run our race in order to receive our prize.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Psalm 24

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in His holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner. (3x)

[Silent repentance.]

Psalm 130 + Verses¹

Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice!

O let Your ears be attentive

¹ Psalm 41:4; 79:9; Genesis 3:19; Psalm 103:13, 14; 113:14; and Galatians 2:20.

to the sound of my pleadings.

Help us, O God our savior,
for the sake of the glory of Your name:
free us and forgive us our sins.

**If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness,
that You may be revered.**

For we are dust, and to dust we shall return.
But the Lord's compassion is on those who fear Him.

**I long for You, O Lord,
my soul longs for His word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.**

For He knows of what we are made;
He remembers that we are dust.

**More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy,
in Him is plentiful redemption.**

From the dust He lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap He raises the poor.

**It is He who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

For I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God
who loved me and gave Himself for me.

3. Illumination²

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are in all places and fill all things,
Treasury of Good and Giver of Life:
Come and abide in us.
Cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O Good One.

[Standing] The Blessing

Let us stand, for it is time for the Lord to act.
Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[A woman places Communion on the table and lights the candles.]

[Singing]

O Gladsome Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

² Or "Ascension," for his is where we ascend and enter into the heavenly realm. The candle symbolizes this entrance and our offering of thanksgiving is our gift.

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing Your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalm 63. A Psalm of David when he was in the desert of Judah.

O God, You are my God; at dawn I seek You;
for You my soul is thirsting.

For You my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before You in the sanctuary,
to behold Your strength and Your glory.

**Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak Your praise.**

**I will bless You all my life;
in Your name I will lift up my hands.**

**My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise You.**

When I remember You upon my bed,
I muse on You through the watches of the night.

For You have been my strength;
in the shadow of Your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings fast to You;

Your right hand upholds me.
**Those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down to the depths of the earth.
Put to the power of the sword,
they shall be left as prey for the jackals.**
But the king shall rejoice in God;
all that swear by him shall exult,
for the mouth of liars shall be silenced.

Luke 11:14-28

[Singing] The Lenten Hymn: Second Sunday

Look upon our desires, O Christ,
and stretch forth Your right hand as a defense
against all our enemies.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Dwell in us, preventing entry to the evil passions:
Gluttony, lust, greed, and anger;
apathy, despair, vainglory, and pride.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Though our oppressors are countless,
keep us in Your way, O Christ,
as we keep Your word.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

The Creed: Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus:

Though He was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
taking the form of a servant,
and being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Greeting: Christ is among us! Let us greet one another.

Sermon.

3. Communion

[Singing]

You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)
Lord have mercy! Christ have mercy! (2x)

Prayers.

[Standing + Singing] The Offering: Psalm 141

I have called to You, O Lord.
Hear me Lord!

O make haste to help me, Lord.

Hear me Lord!

Hear my voice; I cry to You.

Hear me Lord!

**Let my prayer be as incense before You,
the raising of my hands like the evening offering.**

The Lord's Prayer

Thank You, Most High God, that You hear us;
and that through Christ we may call You our Father,
and as one, pray:
Our Father...

Thanksgiving for the Cup [Raising the Cup]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for the Holy Vine of Your servant David

which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —
the True Vine, in whom we bear fruit.

To You be glory forever!

Thanksgiving for the Bread [Raising the Bread]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for Your life and knowledge

which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —
the Bread of Life, given for the life of the world.

To You be glory forever!

[The Bread is broken.]

Just as this broken bread was scattered over the hills as grain
and has been gathered together and made one;
so may Your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Since we have a great High Priest — Jesus, the Son of God —
who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin:
let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[Congregation receives and partakes in Holy Communion during the song.³]

Thanksgiving for Communion

³ A blessing may be said over each recipient as the bread is received.

We give You thanks, our Father,
for You have fed us with the life of Christ.

May we be healed, body and soul;
made partakers of Your divine nature;
and rescued from the corruption of sin.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

for His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the God of gods, for He is good;

for His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for He is good;

for His mercy endures forever!

4. Benediction

The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life,
do not give to me the spirit of laziness,
faintheartedness, lust for power, and idle talk.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

But give to me, Your servant,
the spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother,
for blessed are You unto ages of ages.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

The Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Maranatha!

Announcements:

- Progressive House Blessing (?)
- Prayer: Sunday, 4pm. Pray for the growth and direction of our church!
- Michael's Hearing God experience
- Home fellowships: Wednesday 20 March.
- Agape Box

[Standing and Singing] The Benediction⁴

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

**May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.**

**May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.**

**May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.**

⁴ "God's presence is never neutral; the result of engaging him must ever be either blessing or judgment. Meeting with God through the way he has opened leads to benediction, while approaching YHWH through a manner he himself has not ordained results in judgment. One reason why this is so is because the unclean cannot come into contact with the holy without being destroyed." (L. Michael Morales, *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?: A Biblical Theology of the Book of Leviticus*, 140.)