

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today's readings set the record straight on what gives true life from God's perspective. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.

## **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021  
Our Common Prayer at Home**

*You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

*Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:*

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself and 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. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses the divine name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do

all your work. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>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.**

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at: <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210307/playlist>*

## PSALM 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.  
<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
<sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jewish people was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Judeans then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Judeans then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*While we may not buy cattle or doves to give to God, we too sometimes turn our religion into a negotiation with the divine — “I give to you, O God, so that you must give to me” — and we too sometimes seek to profit, like the moneychangers, from other people’s religious negotiations. Christ ends all that. Though it looks like foolishness, his cross is the wisdom and power of God and the end of negotiations. Risen, he is our temple, the very place we meet God in the power of the Spirit. What happens in that place, that temple that is Christ, is that God gives to us so that we may turn and give to others. When we were baptized into that house of God, the ten commandments were given to us as part of being baptized. They are a lively agenda for us, especially if, with Martin Luther, we continually reinterpret them for the present time. This agenda is founded in God’s thousand-fold mercy, in which such mercy becomes our own way. Rather than coveting someone else’s things, we engage in almsgiving. Rather than lying about some one else, we pray for them. Rather than misusing someone else, we fast from self-indulgence. And in it all Jesus Christ is our sabbath rest. The way of these commandments is the way of Lent and a way of joy. Such religion is light to our eyes.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Third Sunday of Lent Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:*

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210307/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20210307/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #723

### Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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*Then pray these intercessions:*

On this third Sunday in Lent, let our prayer reflect the guidance of the Ten Commandments. We respond to each petition with the words “grant us your wisdom, O God.”

*A brief silence.*

O God, our lawgiver, our temple, our wisdom, form your church to worship you alone. As you blessed Gregory the Great, so bless our bishops for their ministry in church and world.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Protect all who call upon the power of your name. As you blessed the martyr Perpetua and her companions, so bless all the baptized who suffer for their faith.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Even during this pandemic, grant to believers some participation in communal worship, and give to all persons regular rest from their work.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Bless with wisdom all parents and any who are granted authority over others, and give to children the will to honor those who care for them.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Keep the nations of the earth from engaging in war, bloodshed, and torture, and help youth to resist the lure of gang violence.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Uphold marriages and all commitments of care, and defend all persons, especially children, from sexual abuse.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Guard your earth, its animals and its plant life from all who would take for themselves more than they need.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Train the diverse peoples of our nation to respect one another. As you blessed Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, so bless all who work to end discrimination and the oppression of the vulnerable.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Use our bounty to meet the needs of others, those who are homeless or hungry, and hear our prayers for all who are sick or suffering, especially all afflicted with the coronavirus and all we name here before you: Judy Jaquette, John Showman, Grant Aldonis, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Gretchen Zeltner, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Frank Feulling, Phillip Swingler, Michael Chaffier and family, Maria Liwski and Lisa.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Teach us how to pray, also for ourselves:

*A longer period of silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

Receive our thanks for all who have died in the faith, and bring us all at the end into the fullness of your life.

*A brief silence.*

You are our strength and our redeemer: **grant us your wisdom, O God.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful and gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20210307/playlist>

## HYMN #727

### Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy God, our living Water, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God.

**We thank you, O God.**

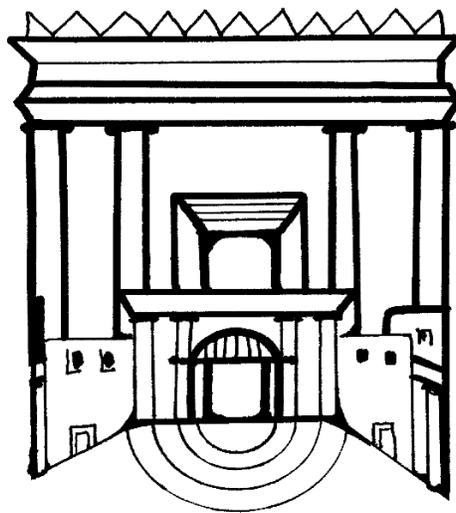
We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.

**We glorify you, O God.**

Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God.

**We praise you, O God.**

Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



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.**

*Then speak the Blessing:*

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
and let this food to us be blessed.  
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,  
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

**Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** Psalm 84. **Tuesday** Hebrews 9:23-28. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Harriet Tubman, 1913; Sojourner Truth, 1883; renewers of society) Mark 11:15-19. **Thursday** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22. **Friday** (commemoration of Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604) Ephesians 1:7-14. **Saturday** Numbers 20:22-29. **Fourth Sunday in Lent** Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

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