

Lent 3 - March 22, 2025  
Reconciliation Service  
Mark Stenson, Preaching  
Responses of the people are indicated in ***bold/italics***.

Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: #Lord Have Mercy from Mass of Mary Magdalene

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene  
Sarah Hart*

Cantor; All repeat      Cantor; All repeat      Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy.      Christ, have mer - cy.      Lord, have mer - cy.

Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.  
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Teri: May the Love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
***ALL: And also with you.***

Today, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. This entire Mass will be devoted to our desire for wholeness, our craving for God, recognizing that God made us in God's own image, created us worthy, and today we stand in God's presence.

Penitential Rite:

Teri: Please be seated. Today for our penitential rite, we are going to have a longer reconciliation service.

Let us pray.....

God, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are reconciled - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which

all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus' name. (From Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, adapted)

Eternal Creator, the world was in darkness, shadows of our own making, while waiting for the birth of your Son. We sometimes put out the light of Your life in us. We are sorry and we come to you today, to ask forgiveness. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with You, O God, so that your Light will once again shine through us fully. Let us take time to reflect.....

God we reflect on the times when we failed to love you with our whole hearts, our whole souls and our whole minds? Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Jesus we reflect on the times when we failed to love our neighbors as we love ourselves? Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

Spirit we reflect on the times when we failed to love our enemies? Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

My friends, our God of compassion shares with us this Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal. Sins are forgiven and grace is shared. Be refreshed and renewed + in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray.  
**Amen.**

...

Teri: As a sign that the Light of Christ shines in us and through us. I invite each of you as you are willing and able, to come forward and light two candles from the sand box. Make sure you don't put your candles too close to the outside of the box...the box will burn. But you are lighting two candles because reconciliation happens not only with each of us and God, but with each of us and one another. So your first candle is for the Light of Christ in you, and your second candle represents the Light of Christ with those of us who participate today through Facebook. For those at home, you are also invited to get a candle and light it at this time.

## Opening Prayer:

Teri: Let us pray..... Loving God,

On this Lenten Journey, we walk with you assured that you walk with us. May our hearts be close to you. May our worship come from those hearts, filled with love and hope that we share not only with You, but with Your world. God, transform those places in our hearts where we hesitate. In our brother Jesus' name we pray: **Amen.**

Teri: Let us all be seated now, as we listen to some stories from our Scripture.

## First Reading: - Kathy

Our first reading is from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 3:1-7, 9-10, 13-15).

Moses was tending the flock belonging to Zipporah's family. Zipporah was Moses' wife. Moses led the flock deep into the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There, an angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that, although the bush was on fire, it did not burn up.

He thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When God saw that Moses had gone to look, God called to him from within the flaming bush, "Moses!

Moses!" Moses replied, "Yes. Here I am."

God said, "Take off your sandals. The place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel." At this, Moses hid his face. He was afraid to look at God.

God continued: "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cry against their taskmasters. I know their suffering... The outcry of the Israelites has reached me. I have seen how they are oppressed. Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

Moses responded to God: "But if I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is this god's name?', what do I tell them?"

God replied: "I am who I am," and added: "This is what you will tell the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God spoke further to Moses: "You also will say to the Israelites, 'The God of your ancestors, of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, the God of Isaac and Rebekah, and the God of Jacob, Leah and Rachel, has sent me to you.'"

"This is My name forever, My title for all generations."

This has been a reading from the Book of Exodus.

***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 103: # 59 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the  
Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;  
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,  
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
Music: Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading: - Kathy

A Reading from the Book of Romans (2:1-11)

Every one of you who passes judgment on another is without excuse. You condemn yourself by the very standard with which you judge others because you, the judge, do the very same things!

We know that God's judgment is true. Do you suppose, then, that you who judge others, and yet do the same evils yourself, will escape God's judgment? Or do you hold God's priceless kindness, forbearance, and patience in such low esteem that you are unaware that God's kindness would lead you to repentance?

By your stubbornness and impenitent heart, you store up wrath for yourself when the ultimate judgment of God comes. God will repay everyone according to their works. Yes, affliction and distress will come upon every human being who does evil, Judean first and then Greek. But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Judean first and then Greek.

There is no partiality with God.

This has been a reading from the Book of Romans.

***Thanks be to God.***

### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*  
Sarah Hart



Refrain text © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

Gospel: - Mark

Teri: May the Word of Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (13:1-9)

***Glory to You, O God.***

My siblings in Christ,

At that time, some people among the crowd told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of Roman sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you don't repent, you will all perish as they did!

"Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them, do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in

Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

Jesus told them this parable: “Once, a farmer had a fig tree planted in the orchard. Coming in search of fruit on it, the farmer found none. The farmer then said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut this tree down. Why should it waste the soil?’

The gardener, however, said in reply, ‘Sir, leave it this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. It may bear fruit in the future. If not, then cut it down.’”

This has been a reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily: Mark

Prayers of the People: - Kathy

Kathy: Our response today is: God of new beginnings, nurture us. ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Kathy: For our world. That leaders of communities may prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable and act with justice and mercy towards all. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Kathy: For the global church and all people of faith. That we may put aside our differences and be reconciled to one another as we work together to bring God’s peace and healing to places most in need. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Kathy: For Light of Christ and its people. That we may listen to the Holy Spirit moving among us as we discern how to follow God’s call together. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Kathy: For those who are sick, (especially\_\_\_\_). For those who are lonely and thirst for human connection, or a deeper experience of the Divine. That God’s spirit may enter their hearts and serve as a healing balm in their time of need. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Kathy: For those who have died (especially\_\_\_\_). That they may rest peacefully in eternal joy with their Creator. And for all who grieve a loss.

That the love of family and friends may bring comfort during this time. We pray: **God of new beginnings, nurture us.**

Kathy: Now, Fr. Teri will lead us in the prayers that have been typed in the comments.....(PAUSE.....)

Kathy: For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **God of new beginnings, nurture us.**

Kathy: In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org) and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Sign of Peace:

Offertory: #400, #401 Adoramus te Christe/Tree of Life medley

Adoramus Te Christe

Canon Refrain

1. A - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, 2. a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste,

3. a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, a - do - ra - mus Chri - ste.

Verses

1. A - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, et be - ne -

di - ci - mus ti - bi, 2. Qui - a per san - ctam

Cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum.

Text: Aniphon from Good Friday Liturgy; We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.  
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Tree of Life



1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your  
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we  
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed  
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -  
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of  
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your  
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -  
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you  
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may  
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the  
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we  
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 die to rise a - new.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 bear the cross with you.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

### Lenten Verses

*General:* Light of life beyond conceiving, Mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
 Give new strength to our believing, Give us faith to live your word.

*1st Sunday:* From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as your own;  
 Stay with us through all temptation, Make us turn to you alone.

*2nd Sunday:* In our call to be a blessing, May we be a blessing true;  
 May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

*3rd Sunday:* Living Water of salvation, Be the fountain of each soul;  
 Springing up in new creation, Flow in us and make us whole.

*4th Sunday:* Give us eyes to see you clearly, Make us children of your light;  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly As your gospel shining bright.

*5th Sunday:* God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;  
 Hold us close through each tomorrow, Love as near as every breath.



Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our cupboards to place on your tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. These gifts have sometimes traveled through the mail to get here, and other times through pockets, purses, and backpacks. They represent our entire lives. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed by God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

***ALL: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.***

Teri: Let us all rise in body or spirit. The peace of our God is with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Open your hearts. ***We open them to our God.***

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, you break open the boundaries of heaven and earth through your Incarnation. You join us in the human experience so Creator and Creation are one, and the earth as it spins is Your Prayer Bead. You hold our hand, wipe our tears, and walk in our streets. You call us beloved, and release your healing power upon us and all we pray for today. You light up our ways with wise and holy people, and gather us together to be Light as well. This Lent may we create a new spaciousness for You in our lives, not focused on what we give up, but what we can add to our lives with You. For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation, and share our voices with the choirs of angels and shepherds coming together as we sing:

## HOLY

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene  
Sarah Hart

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God of Bread and Wine, You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, food before us, to make them holy so that these may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - ***"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."***

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying, ***"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."***

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

## WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*  
Sarah Hart



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

Teri: Together with God, we are the Body of Christ.

We come together and we remember, because remembering is part of the journey of life. In remembering we recall how the Incarnation joined all of creation in love. Like You, our God, we strive to join with all of creation in love. We profess that all are welcome here, and we recognize your diversity, Amma God, in our midst. We are all your beloved children. The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. May we recognize that life and Your Holy and Radiant Light, O Fully Present God.

So grant, Abba God, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, laity, clergy, and bishops, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul.....we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, the God who shares Light with the world, who created an earth that spins, and whose abundance is offered to each and to all.

Teri: Together let us say:

***Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.***

## AMEN

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene  
Sarah Hart



A - men, a - men, a - men,  
a - men, a - men.

Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil... For thine is the Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.***

## LAMB OF GOD

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene  
Sarah Hart



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,  
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

Music © 2018, Sarah Hart. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

Teri: This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. This is the one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal. ***God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.***

(Invitation to Communion)

Teri: The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here. For those who join us from home, receive the grace that God shares with you on this day.

Communion Song: # 813 One Bread, One Body

## One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And  
we, though man - y, through-out the earth,  
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

D.C.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939  
Tune: John Foley, SJ, b.1939  
© 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and OCP Publications

Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Please rise in body or spirit. And let us pray.....

Teri: Let us pray...God, we have shared this meal together. This meal where you have offered to us, bread, wine, and other food from our own cupboards. May this meal nourish us to grow in love and compassion for one another, your diverse people, and to work together that all may be One in You. We offer this prayer through our brother, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Teri: The Love of God be with you.

***And also with you.***

Teri: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Teri: May you be receptive to the ways in which healing is happening in your life. May you take good care of yourself. May you be aware of the wonders of your body, mind, and spirit and their amazing capacity to heal and may you accept God's grace for you. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Teri: We are the Light of Christ. ***We are the Light of Christ.***

Let us go forth as such. ***Let us go forth as such.***

Loving and serving God. ***Loving and serving God.***

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

***As we get to love and serve in God's world.***

Thanks be to God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: # 597 All That We Have

## All That We Have

Refrain



All that we have and all that we of-fer Comes from a



heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and



give what we need, All done in his name.

Verses



1. Some would re - ly on their pow - er,
2. Some - times the road may be lone - some,
3. Some - times when trou - bles are man - y,



Oth - ers put trust in their gold.  
Of - ten we may lose our way;  
Life can seem emp - ty, it's true,



Some have on - ly their Sav - ior,  
Take cour - age and al - ways re - mem - ber  
But look at the life of the Mas - ter,



Whose faith - ful - ness nev - er grows old.  
Love is - n't just for a day.  
Who lov - ing - ly suf - fered for you.

D.C.