# ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

#### We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

"Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters," declares the LORD. "Incline your ear, listen diligently to me; draw near to me, that your soul may live!"

Let us seek the LORD while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near!

Isaiah 55:1-3; 6



Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

#### † COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

#### + CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

O God Beyond All Praising—insert

#### CORPORATE READING OF GOD'S WORD

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 3:19-24

#### **‡** CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Hear us now as we continue in silent prayer, confessing our sins to you.

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

Gracious Father, help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God-415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared "In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit"

"Thanks be to God!"

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage [Psalm 2]—4



#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

Scripture Lesson from the Old Testament

Genesis 23:1-20

Scripture Lesson from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

"This is the Word of the Lord"

"Thanks be to God!"

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 22:54-62 "This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ" "Praise be to Christ!"

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Gloria Patri—436

† Sermon Text Genesis 14:1-24

#### Sermon

Navigating Political Alliances
Pastor Geoff Shaw

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted—insert

### In Grateful Response We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

## † CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: The Doxology

† Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication



### † CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

Christians, in whom do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades.

On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured—261



#### † BENEDICTION AND SINGING

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where're Thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o're us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead On, O King Eternal [KINGS LYNN], verse  $3\,$ 

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

#### **TODAY**

**New Members**—The McClure and Moore households will be presented for membership just prior to our service this morning.

**Forum**—Following worship, all are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an informal time of fellowship and Q&A regarding our church, the service, and/or the sermon. Coffee will be available.

#### THIS WEEK

#### Midweek at All Saints

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evening for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. Please refer to the email sign-up to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.—Dinner provided by the church

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.—Understanding the Psalms

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.—Hymn Sing

No Midweek is scheduled for March 27th or April 3rd.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 28—Maundy Thursday—6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall—Join us for a time of fellowship with a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of grateful reflection with scripture readings and song.

March 29—Good Friday Service—7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Sanctuary—A somber service of readings, prayers, and meditations on the Passion of our Lord.

March 31—Easter Feaster—This event will replace our April 7th monthly Fellowship Meal. Please refer to the email invitation sent out earlier this week.

May 18—Pentecost Celebration—Please mark your calendar for this festive celebration with members of Christ Covenant Granbury! More details to come.

**June 10-13—Summer Sanctus XVII**—For campers ages 13-18. Held at Timberline Baptist Camp and Conference Center in Lindale, TX. Don't delay; register now at www.summersanctus.org. Please direct any questions to Pastor Jeff Niell: jeff@christcovenantgranbury.org.

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# O God Beyond All Praising



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# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704 adapted. Harold W. Gilbert



# Gloria Patri



# Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted

#### tr. M. H. Franzmann

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# Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

