



FOURTH
Sunday
OF LENT



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Duet

Adagio

G F. Handel

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

One: The dust that shapes the journey, the cross that guides it,
the color that surrounds it, the light that fades through it,
the Word that foretells it, the wilderness that invites it—

All: **this is Lent, and into its wilderness God calls us.**

One: Come, friends, Christ is heading to Jerusalem.

* Opening Prayer

Holy God, we, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Bless us with the experience of your presence today. Amen.

* Hymn

All glory, laud, and honor (vv. 1, 4-5)

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Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1) Thou are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name cometh,
the King and blessed one. *[Refrain]*
- 4) To thee before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*
- 5) Thou didst accept their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Congregational Prayer

* Song

In Christ Alone

#332 Voices Together

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song--
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh--
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save,
till on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
My ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

- 3) There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Time with Our Children

(afterwards the children may leave for Children's Church)

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

To the God of life, we give offering in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of God's gifts to us. We give offerings in faith, trusting that God will provide for our needs. We give offerings in hope, knowing God can use them to spread love in this world. And with our offerings, we give ourselves that we may live with generous hearts to you and to all made in God's image.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

When I Survey

arr. A. Pote

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Scripture Lesson

John 18:12-27 (NIV)

¹² Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him ¹³ and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Peter's First Denial

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, ¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

¹⁹ Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

²⁰ "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

²² When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

²³ "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter's Second and Third Denials

²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "I am not."

²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Song *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* 439 HWB, 306 VT

- 1) I want Jesus to walk with me.
 I want Jesus to walk with me.
 All along my pilgrim journey,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2) In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
 In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
 When my heart is almost breaking,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3) When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
 When my head is bowed in sorrow,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Sermon "To Deny Jesus"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Closing Hymn** *Beneath the cross of Jesus* #250

- 1) Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I fain would take my stand,
 the shadow of a mighty rock
 within a weary land,
 a home within the wilderness,

a rest upon the way
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

- 2) Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess;
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.
- 3) I take, O cross, thy shadow
for mine abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

* Benediction

One: Let us go forth to serve God's children in weakness,

Many: so others might find the strength to live.

One: Let us go forth as powerless as Jesus,

Many: to empower others with hope.

One: Let us go forth with our arms full of the Spirit's peace,

Many: so the world might be healed of all its brokenness.

Postlude

Jesus, By Thy Dear Wounds

J. S. Bach

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