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810 FAIRFAX STREET STEPHENS CITY, VA **PRELUDE** Christus, der 1st Mein Leben Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ♣ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG v. 1, 2 Lamb of God Most Holy: Santo Cordero

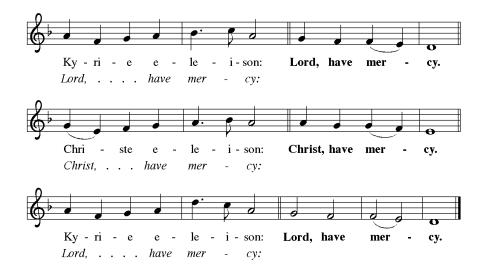


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GREETING

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

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Diann Dailey

A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

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

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For 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.

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

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You 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.

PSALM 19

Pastor JMe, Christine Cornwell

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

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

SERMON SHEMA SERIES #3

With All Your Soul

Pastor JMe Lowden

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering especially Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Carroll, Edwin, Ruby, Robert. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the efforts of teachers, healthcare professionals, first responders and all those who find themselves in harm's way, especially, John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, Dixie, David, Evan, Bill, Hillary, Helen, Emily and James. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given and shed for you. *Those communing virtually may partake of the elements at this point.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

VIRTUAL OFFERING If you have not already prepared your offering to mail to the church, please take a moment now to do so. This is also a time you may share your experiences with the Shema practice last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Allemande Anonymous (6th C.)

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Each Wednesday in Lent at 7PM there will be a virtual worship service. Using the same phone numbers listed below for calling in to Sunday worship, use the following Meeting ID: 899 4797 0595 Passcode: 443220. Use this log in information for all the Wednesday 7PM Lenten worship services.

Thank you to everyone, including the LCW, for your financial contributions to the meal preparation for WATTS. Thank you to the ladies of the LCW who made soup and cookies; to Vickie Hollis and crew for making sandwiches and to all those who helped coordinate this effort. Donations exceeded actual need and the remaining funds (over \$200) will go directly to WATTS for other expenses.

Living the Shema: Daily Devotion During Lent using *Mark 12:29-30:* "Hear, O *insert your name*: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Take a moment at the beginning of the day when you are having breakfast to say the passage and pray that you will live according to the commandment that day. Then, at bedtime, take time to repeat the passage and to pray for forgiveness for the ways that you forgot to live the total love that is our response to a totally loving God. Rest in knowledge of God's promised forgiveness and awake to a new day to serve our Lord.

Write a few notes about how this practice affected your life this week and send your answers to Pastor JMe or be prepared to share them at the "Virtual Offering" on Sunday. Your witness will be an inspiration for others! (pastor@trinitychurchvirginia.org).

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TAKE HOME NOTES FOR LENT 3, March 7, 2021 Shema Sermon Series "You Shall Love the Lord with all Your Soul." Mark 12:30 Readings: Psalm 42; John 2:13-22

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:29-30

1.	What insights or experiences have you had during the week as you've remembered and tried to live in light of this commandment?
2.	What does it mean to "love God with all your soul"? Turn to someone near you and tell him or her what you think this means. In the space below, write down both your thoughts and those of your neighbor.
3.	Hebrew word <i>nephesh</i> is translated in the Bible as
4.	According to the Holman Bible Dictionary, in both the Old and New Testaments, "The soul designates the Vitality in all of its breadth and width of meaning is meant by the soul."
5.	Martin Lutherthe Roman Catholic Church's idea of the immortality of the human soul. (Circle best answer.) a. Agreed with b. Refuted or argued against c. Wrote the book on
6.	A person doesn't "have a soul." A person is a "living, soul."
7.	Soul encompasses both the internal emotional or spiritual life and external or physical life and personality of a person. Therefore, loving God with all your soul includes how you and care for yourself.
	"You are unable to fully love God if there is 'dis-ease' of your soul." List some signs or symptoms of "soul dis-ease."
9.	Nurturing your soul in order to fully love God involves a healthy diet in ""
10	List some sources of the healthy or unhealthy soul food you may consume during your daily life? What makes the "food" from these sources healthy or unhealthy for your soul?
	(Fill in the blank answers: 5. Soul; 4. Physical lite; 5. b. Ketuted or Argued against; 6. Breathing; 7. Physically, Spiritually; 9. "Soul Food")
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