



For whom should we weep



February 28, 2021. Second Sunday of Lent. Narrative Lectionary reading 32 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship

Psalm 22:23-31

All of you who revere the Lord—praise him!
All of you who are Jacob’s descendants—
honor him! All of you who are all Israel’s off-
spring— stand in awe of him! Because he did-
n’t despise or detest the suffering of the one
who suffered— he didn’t hide his face from
me.

No, he listened when I cried out to him for
help. I offer praise in the great congregation
because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the
presence of those who honor God.

Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the Lord praise him! I pray
your hearts live forever! Every part of the
earth will remember and come back to
the Lord; every family among all the nations
will worship you.

Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
he rules all nations. Indeed, all the earth’s
powerful will worship him; all who are de-
scending to the dust will kneel before him; my
being also lives for him.

Future descendants will serve him; generations
to come will be told about my Lord. They will
proclaim God’s righteousness to those not yet
born, telling them what God has done.

Psalm Song

“O Love”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Prayer of Confession

Holy and Gracious God, we too often treat reli-
gion as a source for answers. We look for sim-
ple answers that belittle your deep mystery.
During this season of Lent, push us to ask
deeper questions. Help us to ask about our
neighbors. Lead us to ask questions about our
sorrow. Inspire us to ask questions about our
role as disciples. Forgive us for our complacen-
cy and lack of curiosity. Forgive us for allowing
our faith to stagnate in easy assumptions. Stir
in us questions that lead us to a deeper rela-
tionship with you.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #95

“Praise God”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Musical Offering

“Be Still My Soul”

Tina Barber, Harp



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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35(CEB)

Susan Lorenzen

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, “Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.”

Jesus told this parable: “A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, ‘Look, I’ve come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I’ve never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil’s nutrients?’ The gardener responded, ‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, “Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.”

Jesus said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Look, I’m throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it’s necessary for me

to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it’s impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn’t want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won’t see me until the time comes when you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord’s name.”

Sermon

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Rev. Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn #502

“Thy Holy Wings, O Savior”

Blessing

Hymn #592

**“When the Church of Jesus”
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Postlude



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Current series: "Who?"		
March 7	Lost Coin, Sheep, Son	Luke 15:1-32
March 14	The rich man and Lazarus	Luke 6:19-31
March 21	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Luke 18:31-19:10
March 28	Triumphal Entry	Luke 19:29-44

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 13:34

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus Heals a Woman
Tuesday	Luke 13:18-30	Jesus Teaches
Wednesday	Luke 14:1-6	Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Sick
Thursday	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and Hospitality
Friday	Luke 14:15-24	The Parable of the Great Dinner
Saturday	Luke 14:25-33	The Cost of Discipleship

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** This week, Jesus reminds his followers to repent—to confess their wrongdoings and change their behavior. What is one thing you did today that you need to confess?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus reminds us that we should not focus only on ourselves, but to help those who are in need. When have you helped someone today? When has someone helped you?