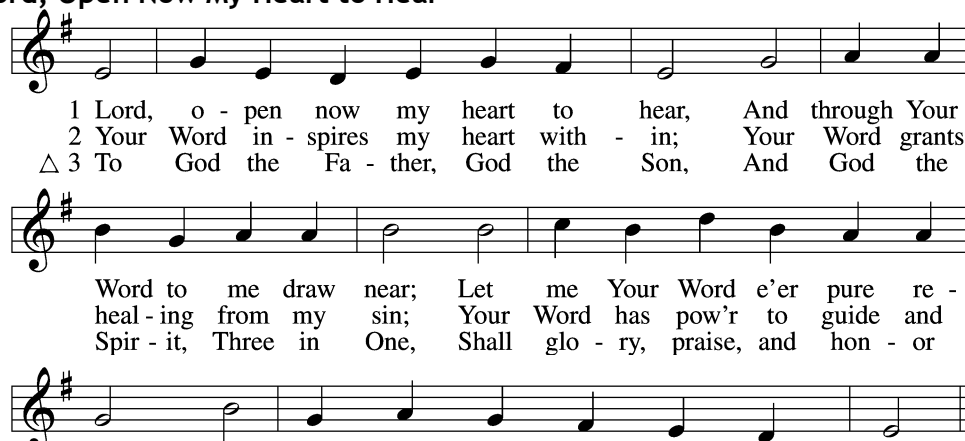


# MARCH 10, 2021 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Glory In The Cross" by James Southbridge

Stand

## 908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the  
Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or  
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me O Lord.
- P** Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
**C** give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord,  
**C** that I may walk in Your truth.
- P** Incline Your ear to me when I call  
**C** and answer me speedily.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

**C** O Lord, let Your ears be attentive to the voice of our cry, for there is forgiveness with You that You may be feared. By Your unfailing love deliver us from all our sin that our hope may be in You and in Your full redemption; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*2 Samuel 22:2–7*

<sup>2</sup>He said,

“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

<sup>3</sup>my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge,  
my savior; you save me from violence.

<sup>4</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>5</sup>“For the waves of death encompassed me,  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>6</sup>the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>7</sup>“In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I called.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry came to his ears.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 86:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

**<sup>2</sup>Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

<sup>3</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.

**<sup>4</sup>Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**<sup>6</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

*James 1:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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**Holy Gospel**

Mark 7:31–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

**831 “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard**

1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard  
 2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place,  
 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,  
 4 “Lord, here am I.” Your fire im - part  
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:

News of a Lord who loved and came;  
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,  
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;  
 Spir - it of truth, in pow’r come down!

Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,  
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;  
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,  
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,  
 So shall they hear and find and prove

Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?  
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?  
 And make a world for Christ my goal.  
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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**Sermon**

**Anthem** - We sing “Near The Cross” text by Fanny Crosby and music by William Doane CCLI#3082359



1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross. I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.



*Kneel*

### Prayers for the Body of Christ

- P** Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the leaders of all nations, that their ears may hear the cries of their people for justice, peace and freedom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For Your body, the Church, that it may raise to Your ears continual praise, in the sound of many tongues, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For our congregation, that we may hear with Your ears of mercy the cries of those who are in distress, and speak to them Your Word of hope, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** For the sick, that their prayers for health will come speedily to Your merciful ears, for You are compassionate towards those who call upon You, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

### Benediction

*LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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**Postlude** - *"My Comfort By Day, My Song In The Night"* tune Davis; setting by Gilbert Martin

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