

Third Sunday of Lent

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Gathered together
to
worship God

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Preparing
for Praise

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Entering into
Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

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One:
Heaven is declaring God's glory;

All:
the sky is proclaiming
his handiwork.

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One:
One day gushes the news
to the next,

All:
**and one night informs another
what needs to be known.**

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One:
Of course, there's no speech,
no words - their voices
can't be heard - but

All:
**their sound extends
throughout the world;
their words reach
the ends of the earth.**

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**Behold what
God has made**

words and music by Pete Haynes
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refrain:
Behold what God has made,
and then pronounced as good;
for the earth is a wonder
we shall not tear asunder,
Rejoice, be glad, and sing.

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1.
From the ground that surrounds
cast a eye to the sky,
let your heart leap within
as you start wond'ring why
the land and the sea
and the creatures that crawl
have a rhyme and a rhythm
that flows through them all.

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2.

From one day to the next comes a sound, full and free, to the One who breath'd life and cause all things to be. And this song without words goes throughout all the earth speaking wisdom and glory and value and worth.

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3.

In the sky is the sun, which brings light to the world, and the clouds all arrayed like a blanket unfurled. And beneath and upon all this splendor are we, who, like ev'rything else were created by Thee.

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Opening Prayer

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The Lord's Instruction

Exodus 20:1-17 and Psalm 19:7-14

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Leader:
“I am the Lord your God...
you shall have no other gods
before me.”
(Exodus 20:2-3)



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Congregation:
“The Lord’s Instruction is perfect,
reviving one’s very being.”
(Psalm 19:7a)



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Leader:
“You shall not
make for yourself an idol...
You shall not bow down to them
or worship them...”
(Exodus 20:4-6)



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Congregation:
“The Lord’s laws are faithful,
making naive people wise.”
(Psalm 19:7b)



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Leader:
“You shall not make
wrongful use of the name
of the Lord your God...”
(Exodus 20:7)



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Congregation:
“The Lord’s regulations are right,
gladdening the heart.”
(Psalm 19:8a)



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Leader:
“Remember the sabbath day,
and keep it holy...
the Lord blessed the sabbath day
and consecrated it.”
(Exodus 20:8-11)

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Congregation:
“The Lord’s commands are pure,
giving light to the eyes.”
(Psalm 19:8b)

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Leader:
“Honor your father and your
mother, so that your days may be
long in the land that the Lord your
God is giving you.”
(Exodus 20:12)

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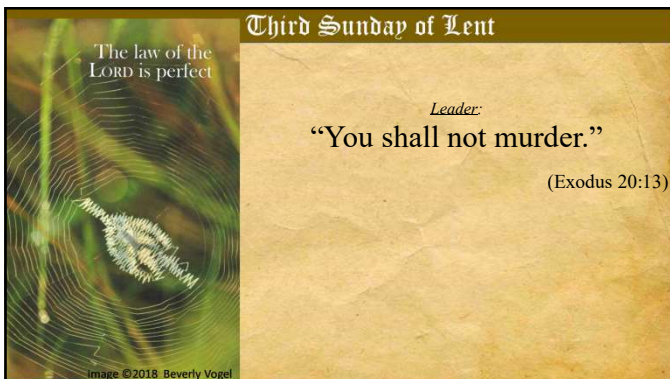


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Congregation:
“Honoring the Lord is correct,
lasting forever.”
(Psalm 19:9a)

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Leader:
“You shall not murder.”
(Exodus 20:13)

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Congregation:
“The Lord’s judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!”
(Psalm 19:9b)

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Leader:
“You shall not commit adultery.”
(Exodus 20:14)

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Congregation:
“They are more desirable than gold – than tons of pure gold!”
(Psalm 19:10a)

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Leader:
“You shall not steal.”
(Exodus 20:15)

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Congregation:
“They are sweeter than honey - even dripping off the honeycomb!”
(Psalm 19:10b)

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Leader:
“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
(Exodus 20:16)

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Congregation:
“No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.”
(Psalm 19:11)

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Leader:

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house... wife... slave... ox... donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

(Exodus 20:17)

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Congregation:

“But can anyone know what they’ve accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin and save your servant from willful sins. Don’t let them rule me. Then I’ll be completely blameless; I’ll be innocent of great wrongdoing.”

(Psalm 19:12-13)

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Everyone:

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

(Psalm 19:14)

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we sing our response:

Alleluia!
The Word of God is living
Alleluia!
The Gospel is among us
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Responding
with our
Tithes and
Offerings

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Offertory

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

youth and children head to the back of the sanctuary

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The Foolishness of the Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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Sharing a joy,
a concern, a word
of testimony
or praise

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When I survey the wondrous cross

Hymn #259
words by Isaac Watts, 1707
music by Lowell Mason, 1824

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1

When I survey
the wondrous cross
on which the
Prince of glory died,
my richest gain
I count but loss,
and pour contempt
on all my pride.

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2

Forbid it, Lord,
that I should boast,
save in the death
of Christ, my God!
All the vain things
that charm me most,
I sacrifice them
through his blood.

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3

See, from his head,
his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love
flow mingled down!
Did ever such love
and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose
so rich a crown?

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4

Were the whole realm
of nature mine,
that were an offering
far too small.
Love so amazing,
so divine,
demands my soul,
my life, my all.

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Prayer

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The Gospel
of Jesus

John 2:13-22

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today's message:

"The web
of
God's design"

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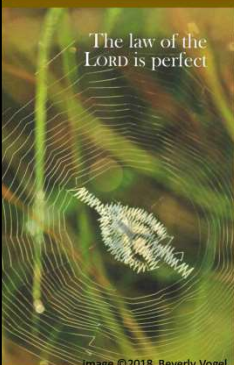
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God of grace
and
God of glory

Hymnal #366
words by Harry E. Fosdick, 1932
music by John Hughes, 1905

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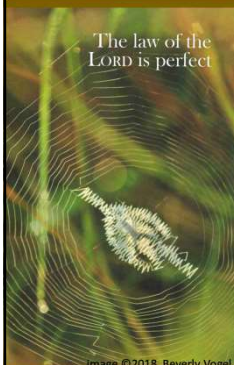


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1.

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power.
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

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2.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that
long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

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3.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

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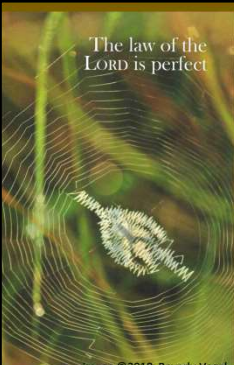


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4.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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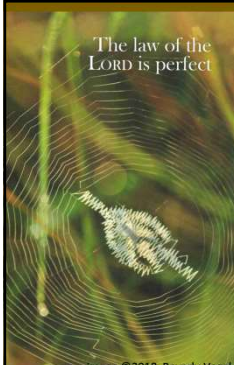
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Benediction

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Postlude

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