

# The Third Sunday in Lent

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**Opening Hymn:** [ELW#408 – Come, Thou Almighty King](#)

## Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## Psalmody: Psalm 86:8-13

<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

<sup>13</sup>For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

## The Reading: Mark 12:1-12

### The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

**12** Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup>So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>11</sup> this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

<sup>12</sup> When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

**Hymn:** [ELW#514 – O Word of God incarnate](#)

**The Message:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

**Offering\*:** [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### **The Prayer**

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick, especially, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, MaKenzie Snyder, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, Rich Wohkittel, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

#### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you;  
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters  
Live on knowing God’s love,  
The joy of living this life of love,  
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.  
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW#767 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me](#)

**Announcements**

- Bread and Soup Lenten Supper and Series
  - *Wednesdays in Lent, 6pm*
- Holy Week Service, Thursday, 3/28/2024, 7 pm
- Easter Sunrise Service, Broadway Pier, 3/31/2024 6:45 am
- Easter Service, 3/31/2024, 9:30 am

\*Offering to be sent to  
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**Upcoming Narrative Lectionary Texts**

March 10	Lent 4	Mark 12:38-44
March 17	Lent 5	Mark 13:1-8, 24-37
March 24	Palm Sunday	Mark 11:1-11 and Mark 14:3-9
March 28	Holy Week	Mark 14:22-42, 15:16-39
March 31	Easter	Mark 16:1-8
April 7	2 Easter	Acts 1:1-14
April 14	3 Easter	Acts 3:1-10
April 21	4 Easter	Acts 17:1-9 1 Thess. 1:1-10
April 28	5 Easter	Acts 18:1-4 1 Cor 1:10-18
May 5	6 Easter	1 Cor 13:1-13
May 12	7 Easter	1 Cor 15:1-26, 51-57
May 19	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 12:1-13