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LENTEN MIDWEEK 6

**The Good News of a God Who Sustains Us on Our Journey
(Series A)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord heard the cries of the Israelites and provided deliverance from the Egyptians by crossing the Red Sea. But not very much later, they grumbled that the Lord was not providing for them. Like the Israelites, we, too, have been provided with divine deliverance. Our enemies are sin, death, and the power of the devil, all of which have been defeated in Christ. And yet we, too, grumble. Today we hear the good news of how God sustains us on our journey, feeding us with the bread of life and the promise of eternal life in heaven.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. *Exodus 2:23–24*

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION✠

814 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

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Stand

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 103:17; Exodus 16:11; Philippians 4:12-13; John 6:32, 35

P The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting.

C **In the morning you shall be filled with bread.**

P I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

C **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

P My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

C **I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:1-5

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

P who forgives all your iniquity,

C **who heals all your diseases,**

P who redeems your life from the pit,

C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

P who satisfies you with good

C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-merciful Father, You heard the grumbling of Your people in the wilderness and, in steadfast love, rained down bread from heaven to sustain them on their journey. Feed us also with Your daily provision, quiet our anxious hearts, and turn our murmuring into trust. As You once gave manna to Israel, give us now the true Bread of Life, Your Son Jesus Christ, who strengthens us for every step of our pilgrimage until we reach the Promised Land You have prepared; in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Sit

✠WORD✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:1–18, 35

(God cares for His people with manna.)

L They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses,

P “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

L So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel,

- A** “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”
- L** [And Moses said,]
- A** “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”
- L** [Then Moses said to Aaron,]
- A** “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’”
- L** And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD said to Moses,
- P** “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”
- L** In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.
- A** [And Moses said to them,] “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’”

L And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:6–14

P The LORD works righteousness
C **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

P He made known His ways to Moses,
C **His acts to the people of Israel.**

P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P He will not always chide,
C **nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

P as far as the east is from the west,
C **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

P As a father shows compassion to his children,
C **so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**

P For He knows our frame;
C **He remembers that we are dust.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:10–13

(Paul can do everything as God strengthens him.)

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 103:15–22

P As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

C for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

P But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear Him,

C and His righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His
commandments.

P The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
and His kingdom rules over all.

C Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones
who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!
Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Stand

THIRD READING

John 6:25-35

(Jesus is the true bread of life.)

L When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him,

C **“Rabbi, when did You come here?”**

L [Jesus answered them,]

P *“Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”*

L [Then they said to Him,]

C **“What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”**

L [Jesus answered them,]

P *“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”*

L [So they said to Him,]

C **“Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”**

L [Jesus then said to them,]

C *“Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

L [They said to Him,]

C **“Sir, give us this bread always.”**

L [Jesus said to them,]

P *“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

WHAT PROMPTED CHRIST

sts. 1-2



1 What prompt - ed of Christ, our Lord, to come
2 The bread of life God gives as we



down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my
jour - ney through life As sin - ners we still grum - ble, com -



soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That
plain. But God for - gives all sin; His



sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less
Son has paid each one. So bless the Lord, my



love He would pay for all sin To
soul, and then bless Fa - ther, Son, And



pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er the same.

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PASSION READING

Mark 15:25-41

- L** The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying,

- C** **“Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”**

- L** So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying,

- C** **“He saved others; He cannot save Himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.”**

- L** Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

- P** *“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”*

- L** which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying,

- C** **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”**

L And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said,

A “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

L There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE BREAD OUR FATHER GIVES

*Tune: LSB 431 – Not All the Blood of Beasts
(SOUTHWELL – S.M.)*

1 In desert paths they cried,
Their trust in God grown small;
They longed for Egypt’s fleeting
joys
And feared they’d starve and fall.

2 Yet still the Lord was near;
He heard their murmured plea.
At break of dawn the bread was there
And fed them faithfully.

3 Fine flakes upon the ground,
“What’s this?” They asked in awe
Each gathered what the Lord supplied,
He fed them with manna.

4 So forty years He fed
His wandering, wayward band;
His steadfast love sustained their
steps
Until they reached the land.

5 Now Christ, the Bread of Life,
Comes down from heav’n above;
He fills our hunger with His grace
And crowns our days with love.

6 O feed us, gracious Lord,
With manna from Your hand;
Sustain us on our pilgrim way
To reach Your promised land.

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

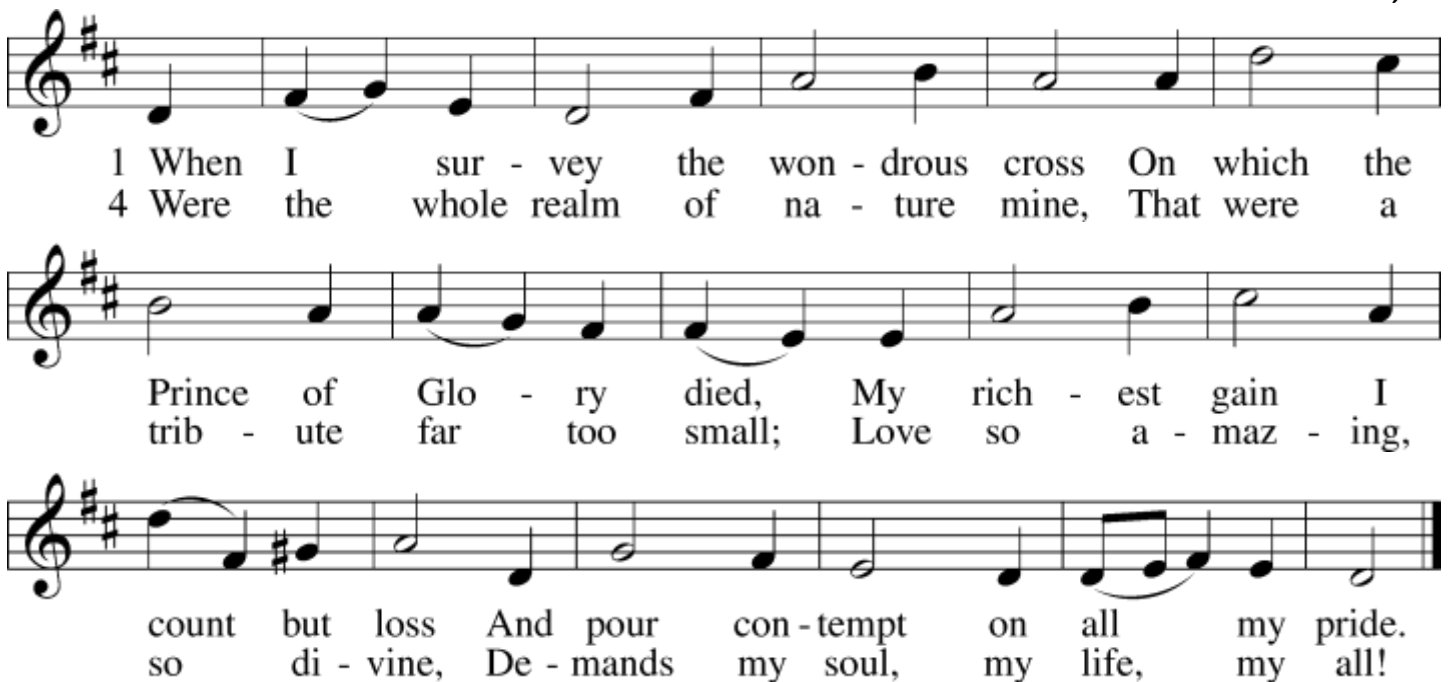
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Stand

OFFERTORY

426 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

sts. 1, 4



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**
- P** Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**
- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people
- C** **that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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

- P** The Lord, who provided all that the people needed in the wilderness, bless you.
The Lord, who fed them until they reached the Promised Land, bless you.
The Lord, who spoke to Moses and has worked faith in your hearts, bless and keep you, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

BLESSED JESUS, LIVING BREAD

sts. 1-4



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread, By Your
2 Word of God by which we live: What we
3 All we ev - er need and more, Flow - ing
4 We are in that crowd You fed With Your



self our souls are fed: Give us all the
hun - ger for You give— For the bod - y
from Your bound - less store; At Your ta - ble
blest, a - bun - dant Bread. Moved by ev - 'ry



eyes to see All that You were sent to be.
and the soul, Life with God, life new and whole.
ev - 'ry guest Sees Your mer - cy man - i - fest.
hu - man care, Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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