



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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Coffee Sale: If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

Spring Forward! Remember to move your clocks before retiring on **March 13.**

Bridges Outreach is currently doing runs into Newark 7 days a week. The need is very great. They are happy to receive donations of lunches any day before 2:00 PM. Lunches need to be taken to the Bridges office; call 908-273-0176 to inform them you are bringing lunches.

U.S. Severe Storms: In recent days, severe storms have created a significant crisis in Texas and surrounding areas. Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response go 100% to relief. You can donate through St. John's [online](#) or by check (memo: LDR Severe Storms) or directly to [LDR](#).

Holy Week Bags: We are preparing for our Holy Week Bags and we need delivery drivers. If you are willing to make home delivery of bags on March 27, please contact Bev Kaczmarek at mkaczmarek@comcast.net.

Easter Brunch to Go: We are offering Easter Brunch to go this year. Each order serves two and will include: egg casserole, baked goods, and fruit cup. Special dietary needs can be accommodated. Each order is \$20 with all money being donated to [GRACE](#) to help feed hungry people in our community. Brunch-to-go will be available for pick up Saturday, April 3, and after the Easter in-person service April 4. Please sign up [here](#) by **March 28.**

Please give blood, Wednesday, March 31 from 1:30 PM–7:30 PM at the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood Rd., New Providence. Please sign up at nybc.org/njdrive and use sponsor code 14417 or call/text Genevieve at 732-672-5281.

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Worship Livestream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Please Note: In-person services will be outside. Please bring your own chair and wear a mask. If it is raining, we will meet in Hinman Hall (please still bring your chairs), wearing masks, with the windows open, and the exhaust fan running. **Online services** will be prerecorded and broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

- Palm Sunday:** **8:30 AM**—In-Person [RSVP](#)
Liturgy of the Palms with Holy Communion
10:30 AM—Online
Triumphal Entry and Passion according to Mark
- Maundy Thursday:** **7:30 PM**—Online
Holy Thursday Liturgy—the beginning of the Great Three Days
- Good Friday:** **Noon**—Online
Liturgy of Good Friday
3:00 PM—In-person [RSVP](#)
Reflection on the Cross
7:30 PM—Online
Seven Last Words, Service of the Central Cluster ELCA Congregations
- Easter Vigil:** **7:30 PM**—Online
This is the night! In word, image, and song we renew our baptism and proclaim Christ raised from the dead conquering death.
- Easter Sunday:** **8:30 AM**—In person [RSVP](#)
Resurrection Morning with Holy Communion
10:30 AM—Online
Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Prayer Before Worship

Holy Spirit of God, let the words of my mouth and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1

PRELUDE Setting of *O Store Gud*

By Chris Rice (b. 1970)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

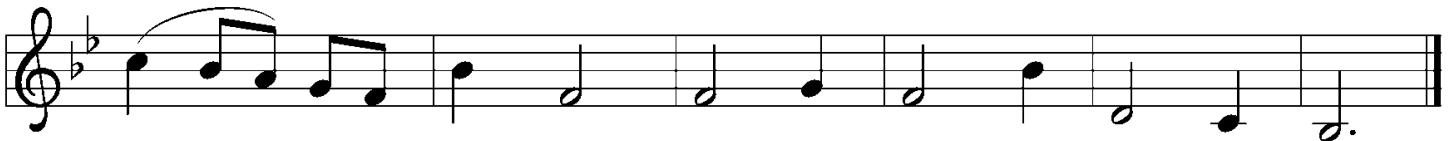
GATHERING HYMN ELW 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

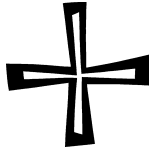


sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

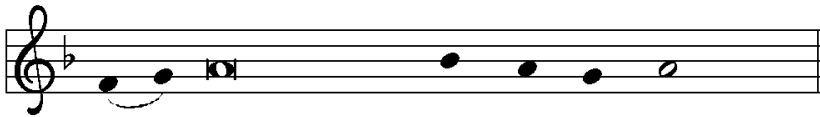




APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



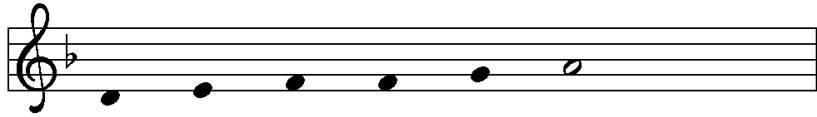
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



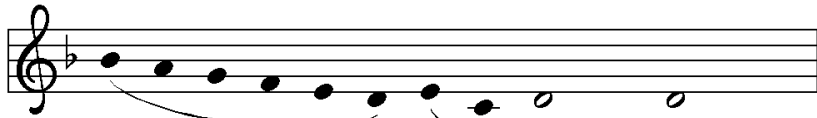
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



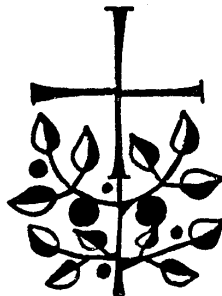
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1–17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7–14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 2:13–22

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
 emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
 scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
 God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
 dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

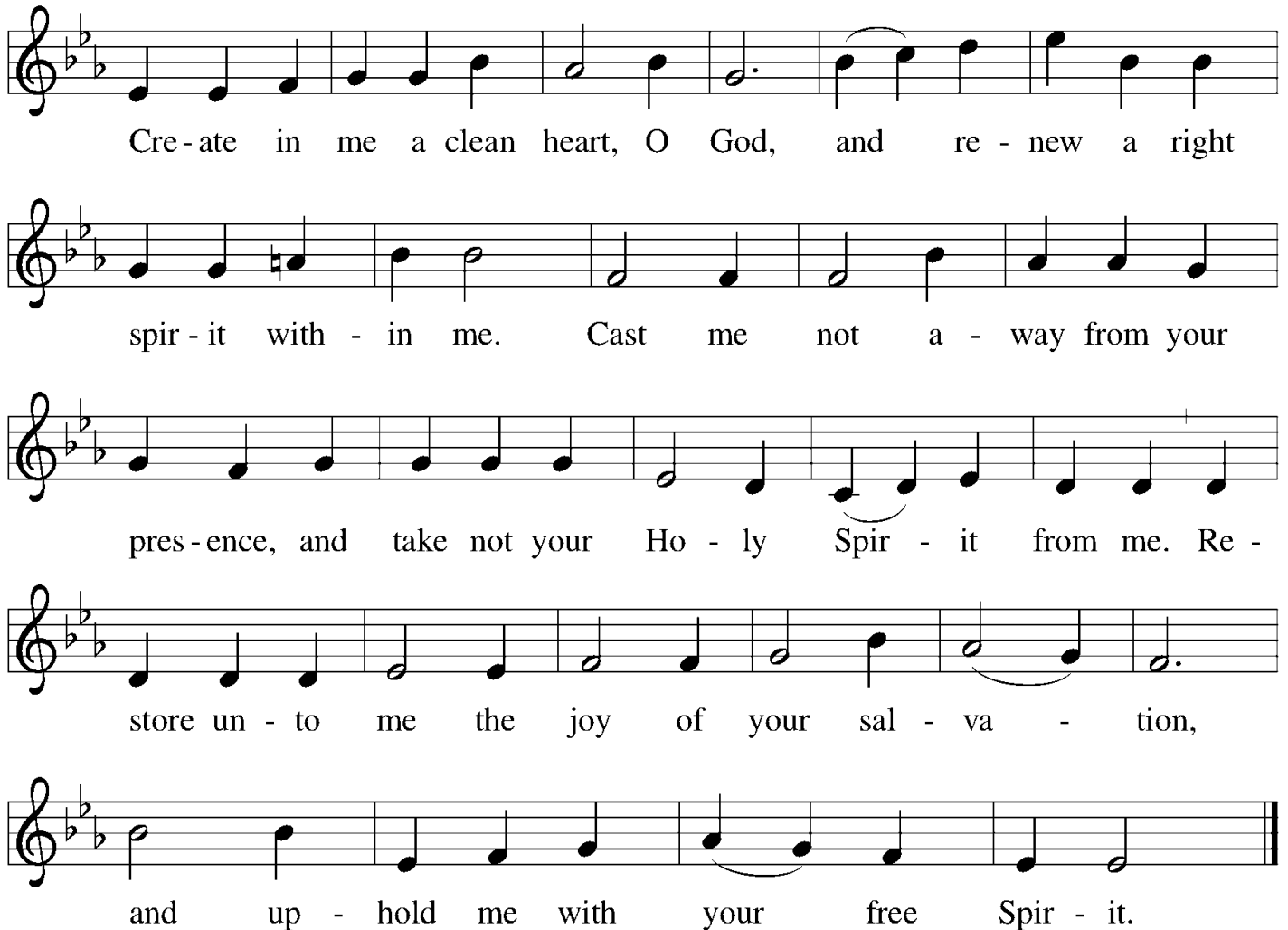
We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org.

OFFERING MUSIC Setting of *Nelson*

By Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

Kirsten Meyer, French horn & Nick Meyer, Trombone

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

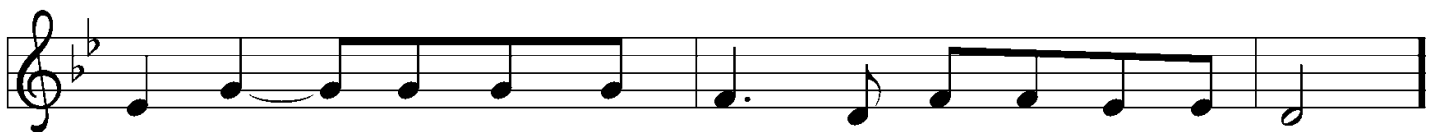
SENDING HYMN ELW 856 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

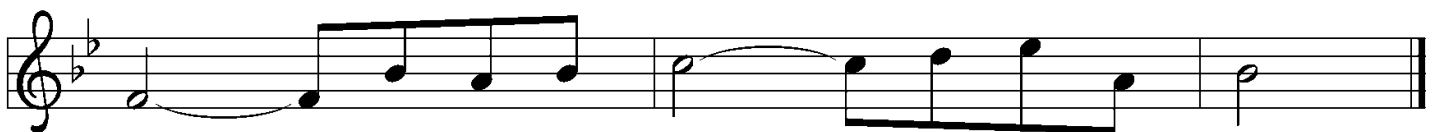
Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Rathbun*

By Lynn L. Petersen (b. 20th C.)

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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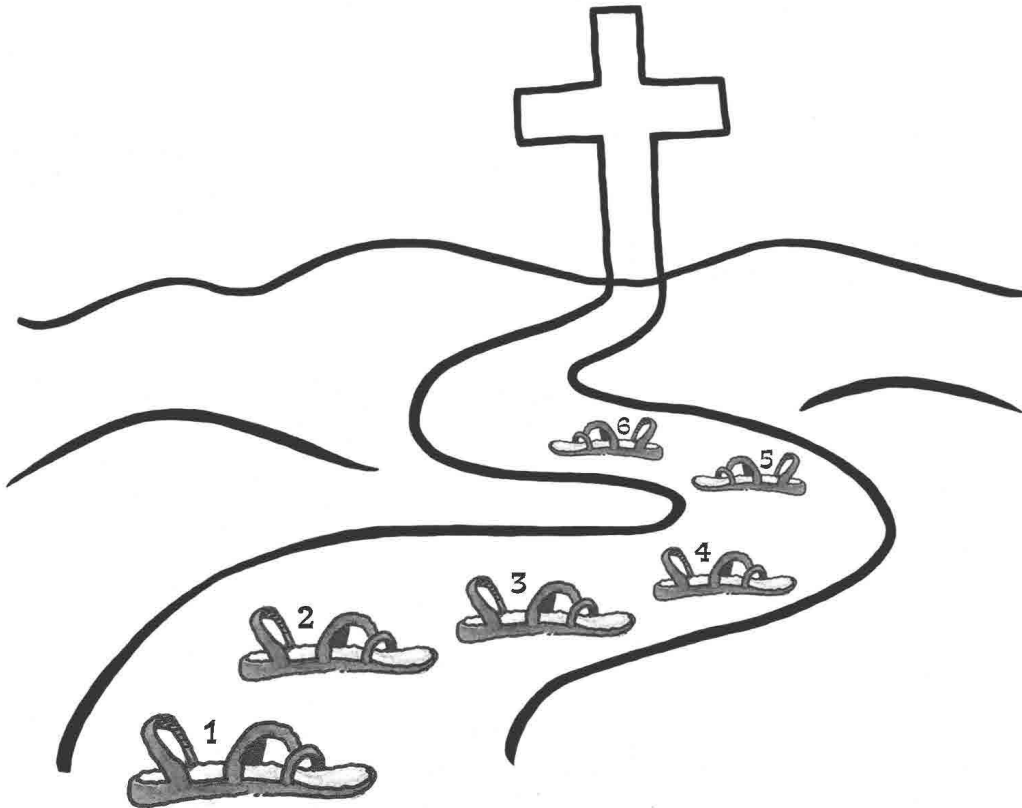


PRE-READER

Lent 3

- Today is the 3rd Sunday in **Lent**.
- Lent lasts **40 days**.
- During Lent, we ask for **forgiveness**.
- Jesus **forgives** our **sins**.

Which week of Lent is it? Circle the correct sandal to show which week of Lent it is.

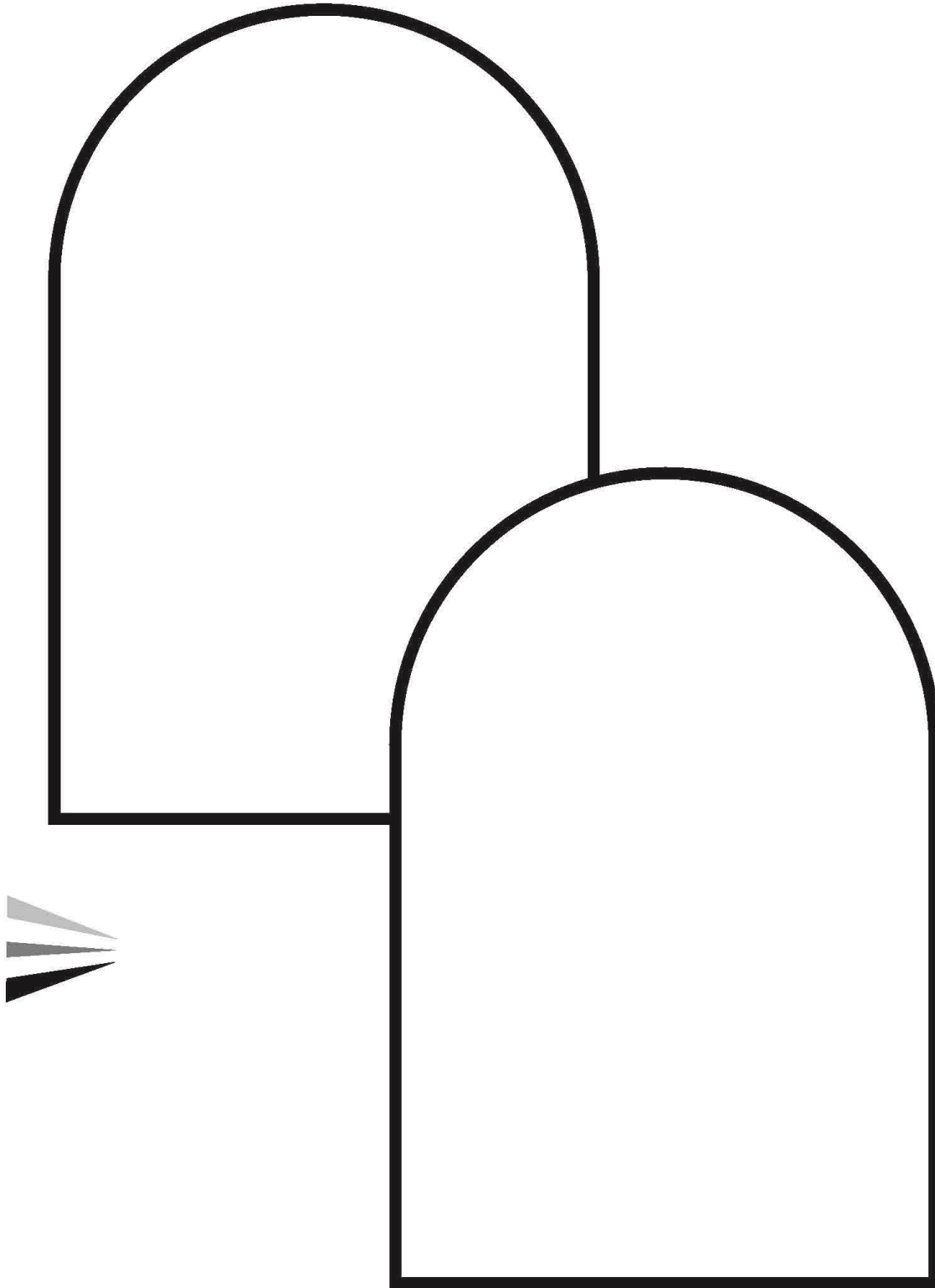




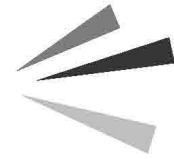
“Do your best to follow this list. It won’t be easy, but I am with you and I love you.”



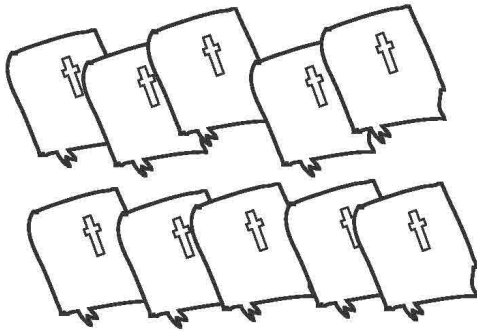
Use the tablets below to draw a time when you broke a rule and a time when you followed a rule.



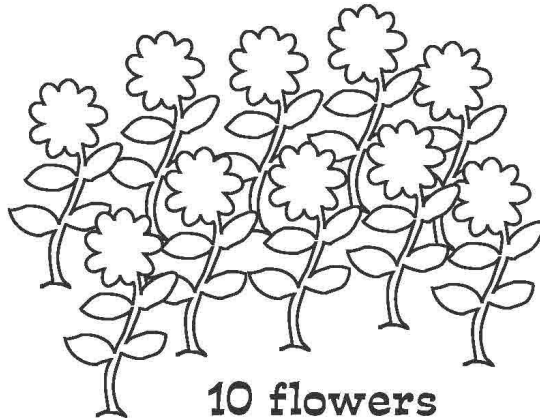
God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. These were rules for the Israelites to follow. The Ten Commandments helped the Israelites live in a relationship with God. They also helped the Israelites live together peacefully.



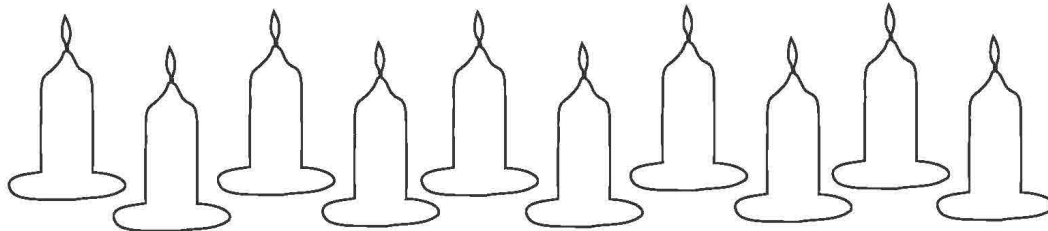
Can you find 10 of these things in your worship space? Color them in when you find them.



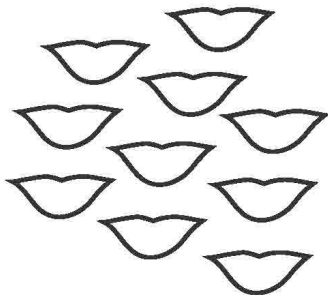
10 Bibles



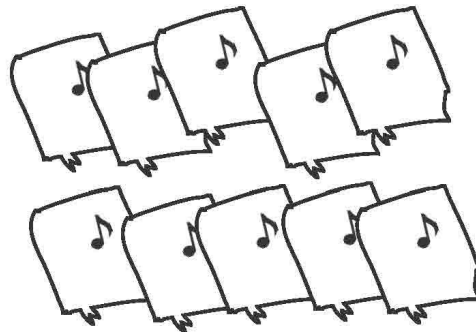
10 flowers



10 candles



10 smiles



10 hymnals



READER

Lent 3

- Today is the 3rd Sunday in Lent.
- During Lent we focus on ways to **serve others**.
- Following the **Ten Commandments** helps us serve others.

The Golden Rule

Jesus taught us to love thy neighbor. Who are our neighbors? Everyone in the whole wide world! See if you can match the word for love with their languages.

liefde

dragoste

rakkaus

kärlek

ljubav

amour

amore

cinta

mapenzi

amor

Finnish

French

Romanian

Dutch

Swedish

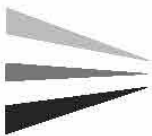
Italian

Croatian

Indonesian

Swahili

Spanish



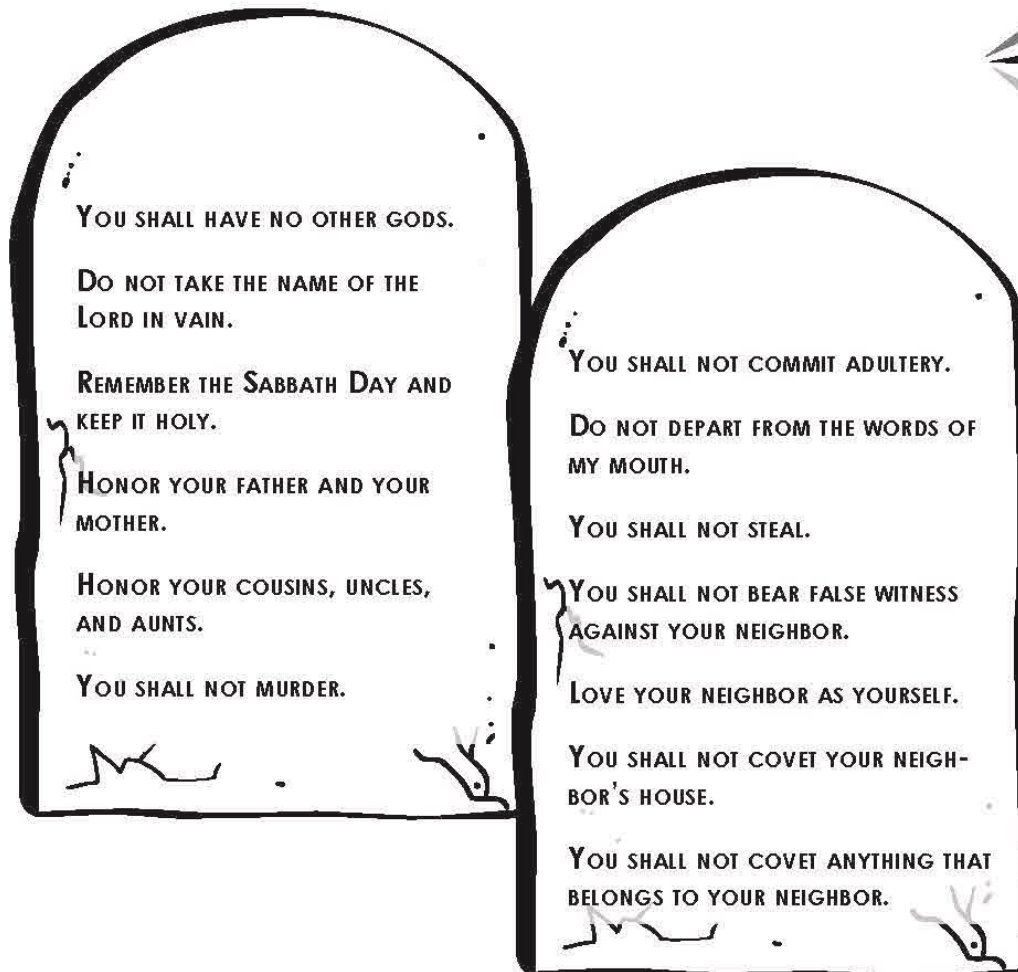


Bible Tip!

When the Bible uses LORD in capital letters, it stands for another Hebrew name for God, Yahweh.

Not quite

Which of the rules below aren't in the Ten Commandments? Cross those out!




Look it up!

There's another story about the Ten Commandments in the Bible, too. Check it out in Deuteronomy 5!

Fill in the blank spaces to learn the verse.



"I _____ the LORD _____
M **UR**

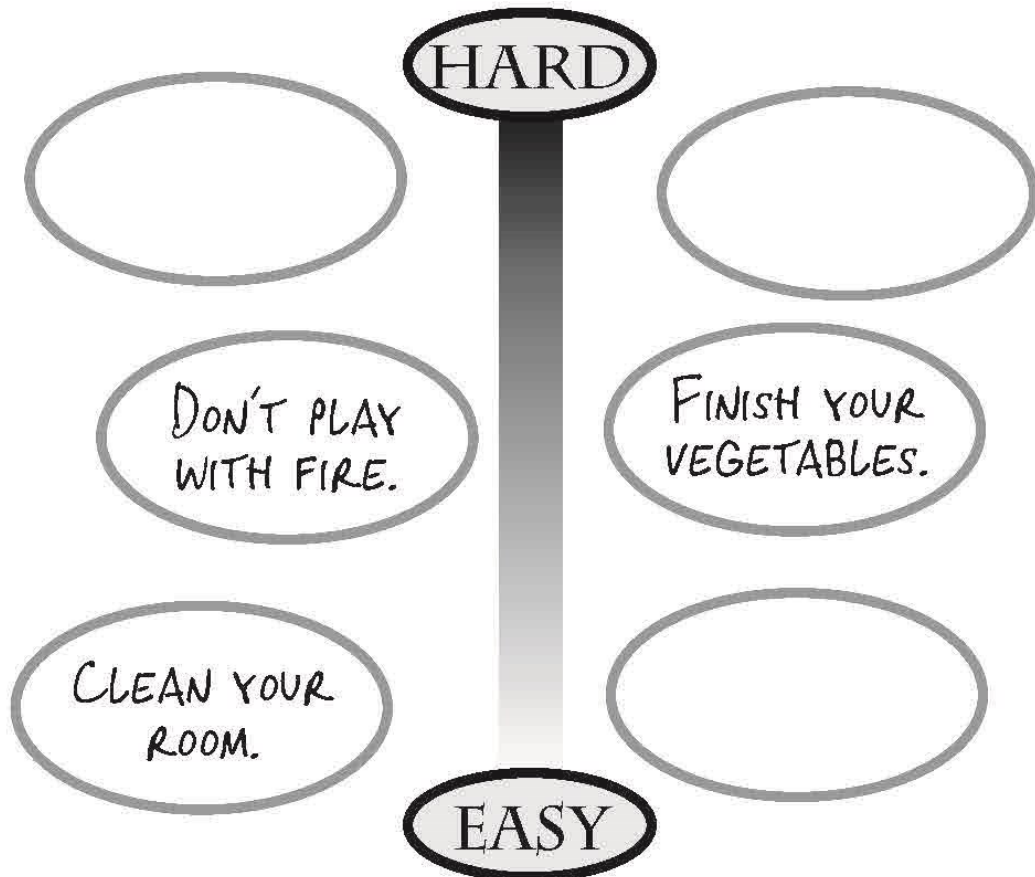
God... _____ shall have _____
U 

_____ me."
B4

- Exodus 20:2-3

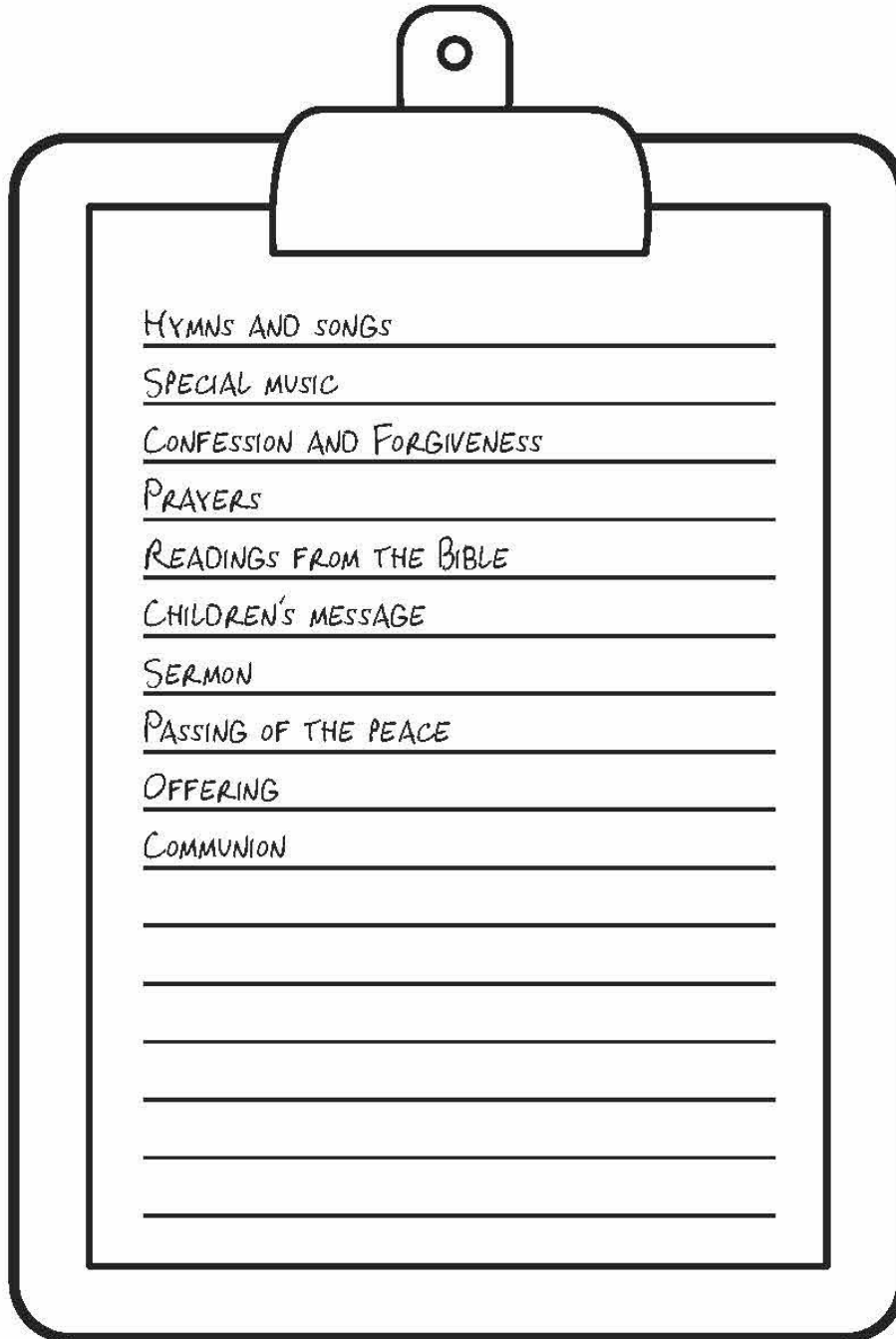
Some Rules Are Harder than Others

Some rules are easier than others to follow. Take a look at three rules below. For each one, draw a line to the place on the continuum that shows how hard or easy you think it is to follow it. Then write a few of your own rules and connect them to the continuum.



Keeping the Sabbath

One of the Commandments tells us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. When you worship on Sunday, the Sabbath, you are following this commandment. You are honoring God by remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Take a look at this list. It tells many different parts that are usually found in a worship service. What parts do you think help you honor God the most? Circle them, and write any parts on the list you think are missing.



HYMNS AND SONGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNION

