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The Third Sunday in Lent - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations
Introit
Call to Worship

Hymn 147 All creatures of our God and King, (vv.1,3,4,7)

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
giving to all both warmth and light:
Chorus
- 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds God's blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
Chorus
- 7 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
Chorus

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Call to Prayer
Prayer of Approach and Confession
Children's Address

Hymn 142 A small thing like a hazelnut

- 1 A small thing like a hazelnut
lay in my open hand,
and God disclosed three truths to me
that I might understand :
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care ;
God made it, God loves it,
and God will always care for it.
- 2 I marvelled that this little thing
reveals how God can be
our maker, lover, keeper, now
and for eternity !
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care ;
God made you, God loves you,
and God will always care for you !
- 3 Until my heart is one with God,
its aching will not cease,
and so I rest, held close by God,
these three truths bringing peace :
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care ;
God made me, God loves me,
and God will always care for me !

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Isaiah, Chapter 55, verses 1-9

Anthem

St. Luke, Chapter 13, verses 1-9

Hymn 720 There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

- 1 For justice, for freedom, for mercy :
hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief :
be near, hear our prayer, O God.
- 2 For wisdom, for courage, for comfort :
hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear :
be near, hear our prayer, O God.
- 3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life :
hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death :
be near, hear our prayer, O God.
- 4 Lord save us, take pity, light in our
darkness.
We call you, we wait :
be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)
Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,
we now devote to you;
let them your covenant mercies share,
and your salvation true.
- 2 Such children you did once embrace,
while dwelling here below;
to us and ours, O God of grace,
the same compassion show.

- 3 Dear Lord, your infant feet were found
within your Father's shrine;
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,
were all alike divine.

- 4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,
we seek your grace alone,
in every stage of life and death,
to keep us still your own.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

Hymn 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
 'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 And all thy day be bright.'
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
 Till travelling days are done.

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Benediction
Choral Amen