

Third Sunday during Lent

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March 3, 2024 • In person at 10:15 p.m. or on Facebook Live, and YouTube Live

PRELUDE

Christ Lag in Todesbanden

J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

#149

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

TRISAGION

#S99

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You 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. You 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not

[Exodus 20:1-17]

Lector:

Mike Freriks



acquaint anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But 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. For 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. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You 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."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, ***and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

²One day tells its tale to another, ***and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, ***and their voices are not heard,**

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***and their message to the ends of the world.**

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; ***it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; ***nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; ***the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

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 for ever; ***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 tell how often he offends? ***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.**

[Psalm 19]

*Read responsively
by half verse (in bold).*

Lector:
Kay Jahnelt

SECOND LESSON:

Lector: A reading from First Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where 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? For 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. For Judeans demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Judeans and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Judeans and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

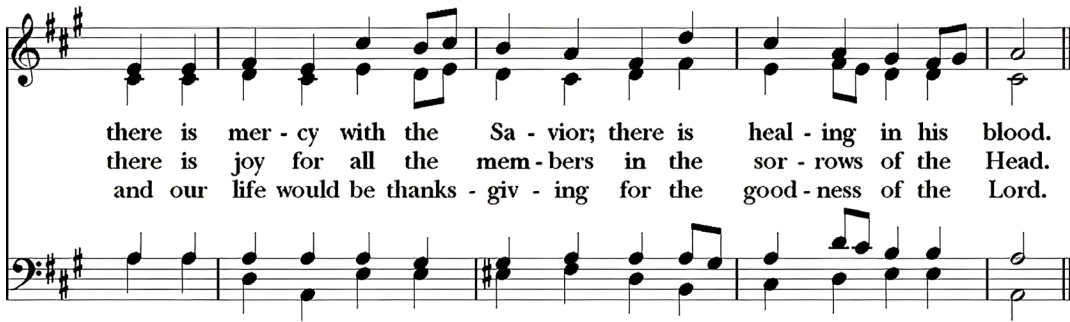
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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;





there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Judeans was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making 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. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Judeans then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Judeans then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us stand as we confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
 Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the
 Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
 Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the
 Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right
 hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
 the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

[John 2:13-22]
Stand as you are able.

The Rev. Randy Lyle

Stand as you are able.

Lector:
 Teresa Pappas

We believe...



**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: Let us join our hearts and pray together for strength on our Lenten journey:

Let us pray for the universal Church, its members and its mission that we may see Christ in each other and know that in Him we are all one. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Betsey our Bishop, and for all clergy and lay leaders. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for an end to armed conflict, an end to oppression of every kind, and an end to the violence that marks so many lives. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have been graced with abundance, that they will be mindful of those in our world who suffer from hunger, preventable disease and those who live in misery and poverty. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this community gathered here today and for all those we love who are far from us that we may all sense God's healing touch in our individual lives and in our common life. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Let us pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask healing for all who suffer especially Roland, Sandy, Lynne, Charlene, Tara, Karlett, Valerie, Lucas, Darrell, Doug, Kris, Susie, Marissa, Renee, Sue, Carolyn, Carol, Tobin-Grace, Adley, and Mark. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the many blessings of this life, the gift of friendship, the gift of this time to study, pray and learn together. We pray to realize the gift of God's presence in all that we undertake. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us lift up prayers for ourselves and others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory now and forever. **Amen.**

**We have not loved you with our
whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us and**

forgive us; that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

SERVICE OF ADMISSION TO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (back of announcement sheet)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,

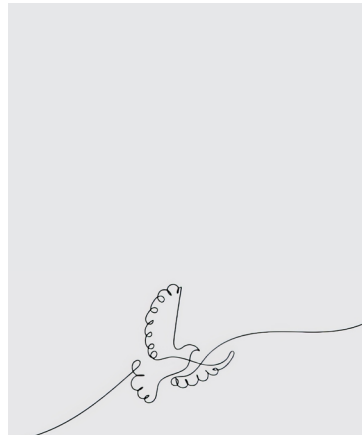
1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a brief word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.

Online giving:





Holy Communion is God's feast for all of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
 People: **And of your own have we given you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You

brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

You may stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your

holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.



We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *Reverie op. 85 #1* F. Mendelssohn

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Dying, you destroyed our death.

**Rising, you restored our life. Christ
Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever.
Amen**

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Teresa Pappas
Kay Jahnel
Judy Frantz
Kate Hogg

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross

#473

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Dramatic Rhapsody

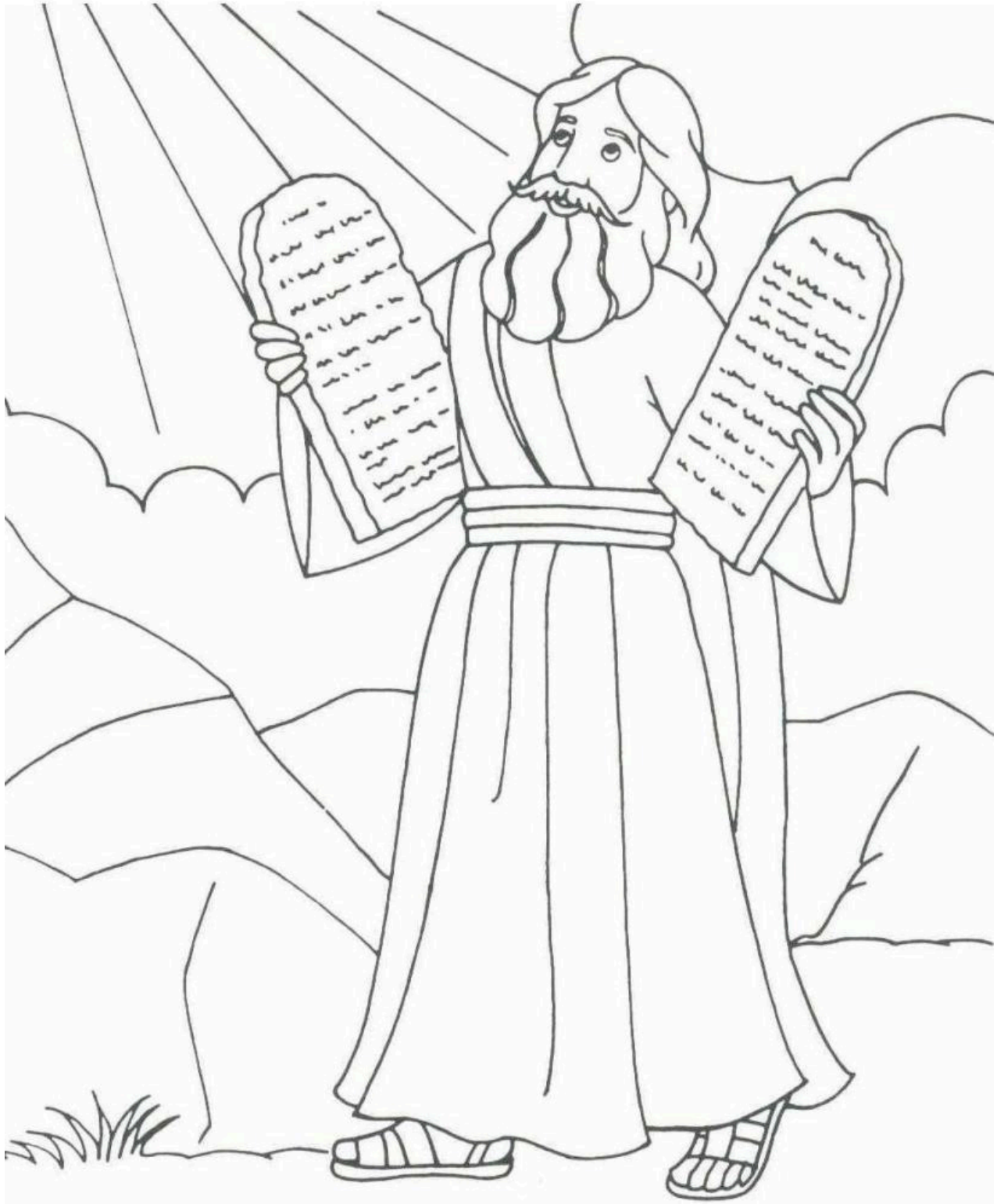
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