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Fourth Sunday in LENT



March 14, 2021

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Greeting

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

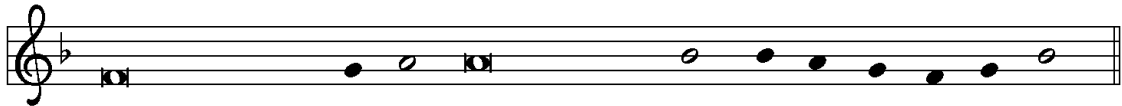
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



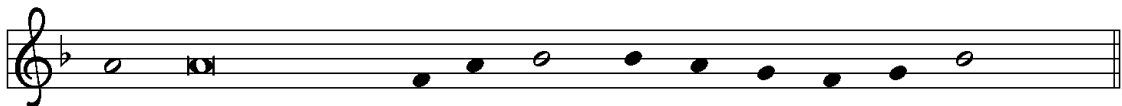
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



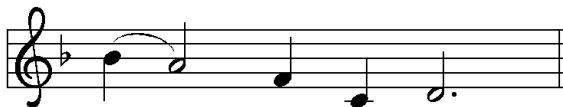
Lord, have mer - cy.



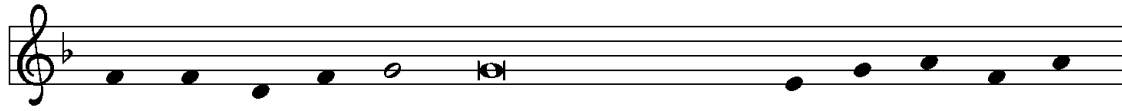
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



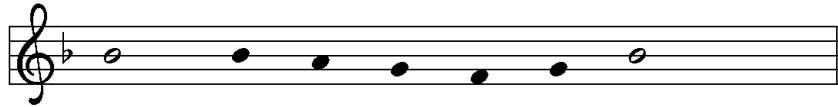
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



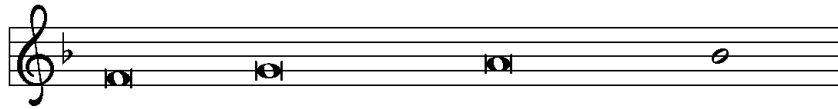
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - - - men.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV, alt.)

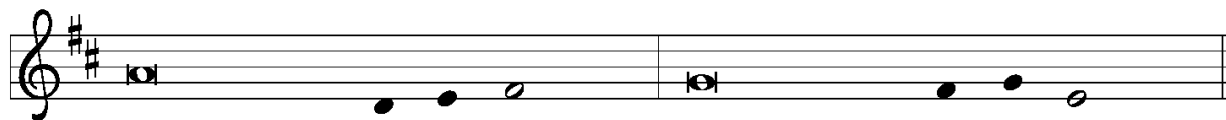
A reading from Numbers

From Mount Hor, Moses and the people of Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22



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Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**
gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

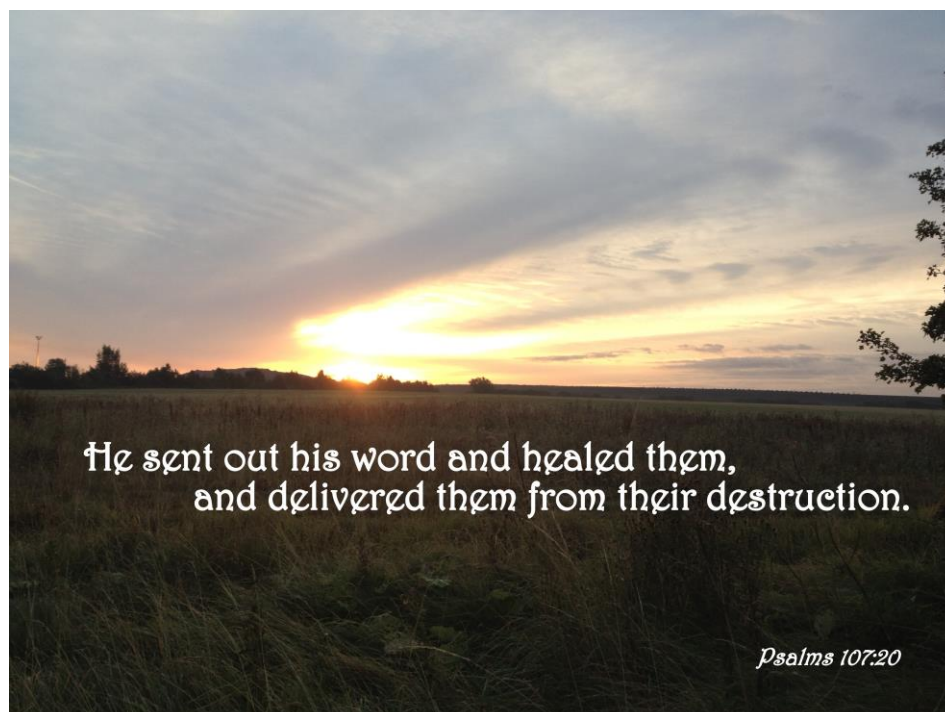
They loathed all man- | ner of food
and drew near | to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD
and you delivered them from | their distress.**

You sent forth your | word and healed them
and rescued them | from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.



Gospel**John 3:14-21** (NRSV, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.**Message****HOPE AMID THE GRUMBLING**

Rev. Emlyn Ott

Ministry of Music***God So Loved the World***arr. Lloyd Larson
Senior Choir***REFRAIN***

God so Loved the world that He gave His only Son
That all who believe in Him should not perish, should not perish.
God so Loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His Son,
His one and only Son.

REFRAIN

God sent not His Son into the world, to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world, to condemn the world,
But to save the world and grant eternal life.

REFRAIN

God so loved the world.

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Barbara and David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Andrea and Scott Steiner.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

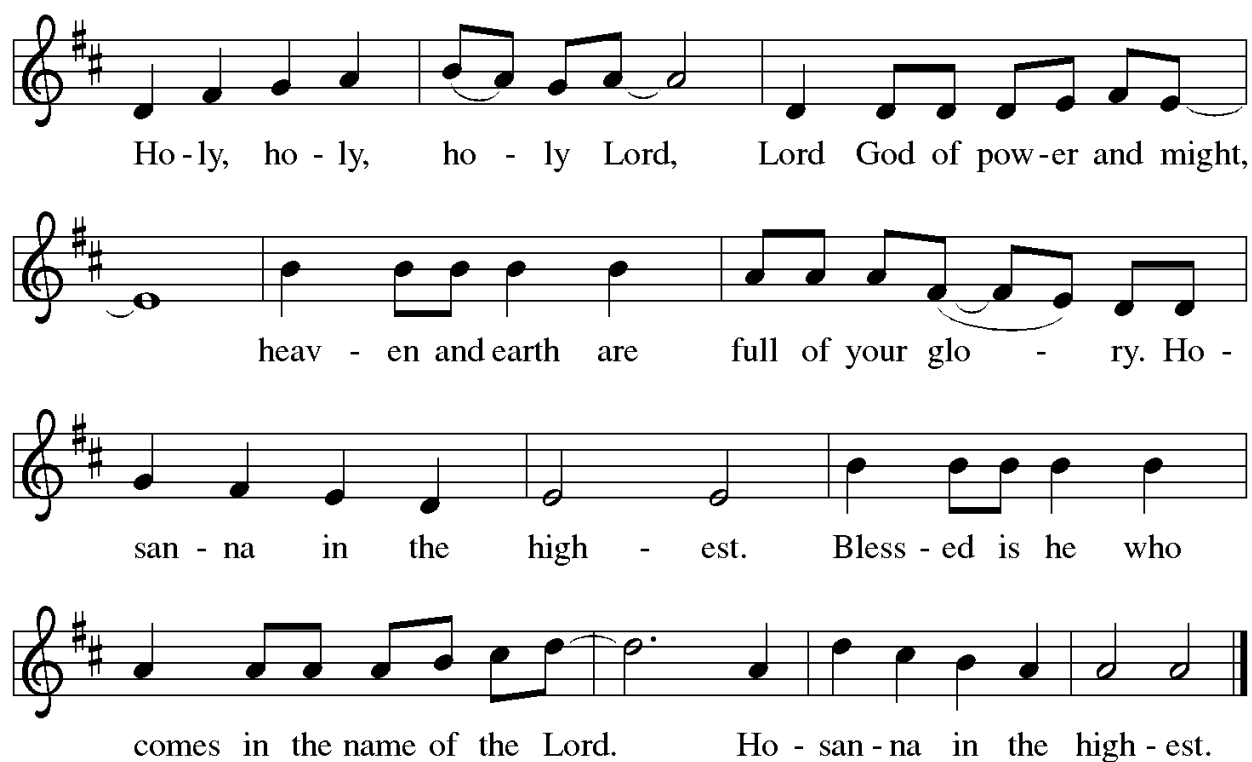
**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:



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

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age comes, and every creature beholds it.

Sharing the Meal

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful, arr. Mark Hayes

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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Emlyn Ott
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Sue Yehling, Tom Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 14 - 21

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	7:00 pm	ZOOM Anti-Racism Group
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Congregation Council
Wednesday	11:00 am	Zoom Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 pm	LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

Adult Sunday School
11:15 am Sundays



DEAR CHURCH:

**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to
the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

This week discussing **chapters 7 & 8**
Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting
Time: **11:15 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9tYVBkMC90Zz09>

Meeting ID: **818 8878 2023**; Passcode: **630107**
Phone only: **646 876 9923**



Birthdays this week:
14 – Jenny Freiderich
14 – Lynn Nakamura
14 – Laura Warren
14 – Tim Watson
15 – Kristi Hildebrand
17 – David Williams



**Anti-Racism Group
Monday, March 15
7:00 pm – Via ZOOM**

Any who wish are invited to join us as we talk about concrete steps we can take to bear witness to the inclusive love and justice of Jesus.

Topic: Redeemer Anti-Racism Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88601723199?pwd=OVhOVUtjUWpoWnNRNzh0RStwTUxYUT09>

ID: 886 0172 3199; **Passcode:** 131323

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**Exploring the Psalms
We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!**

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

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Coffee and Conversation

**Third Wednesdays
11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 836 4294 4204

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Midweek Lenten Worship

**Wednesdays
March 17, 24**

Livestream 7:00 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGW00sS-yw>