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Fifth Sunday in LENT



Two injured friends helping each other out in Southwest India.

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Carrying the Cross

Bertin Ahrin, Benin

March 21, 2021

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

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

Deep Within

Refrain

Deep with - in I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Fol - low me, I will bring you back, you will
be my own, and I will be your God.

Verses

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -
2. Seek my face, and see your
3. Re - turn to me, with all your
D.C.
in you, for I will be your strength.
God, for I will be your hope.
heart, and I will bring you back.

Text: Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 36:26, Joel 2:12; David Haas, b.1957
Tune: David Haas, b.1957; acc. by Jeanne Cotter, b.1964
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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

Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

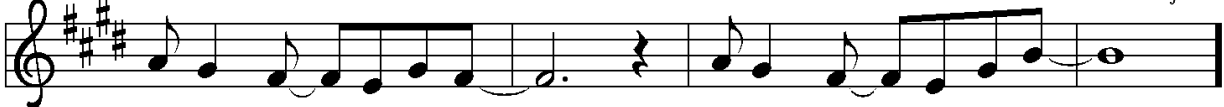


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Jeremiah

“The time is coming,” says God, “when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” God’s Decree.

“This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” God’s Decree.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 51:1-12



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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

Message

REFUSING TO GIVE HOLY WEEK THE SAME ENDING

Gospel

John 12:20-33 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?" Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, "Time's up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. My Abba will honor and reward anyone who serves me.

"Right now I am shaken. And what am I going to say? 'Abba, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Abba, put your glory on display.'"

A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again."

The listening crowd said, "Thunder!"

Others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

Jesus said, "The voice didn't come for me but for you. At this moment the world is in crisis. Now Satan, the ruler of this world, will be thrown out. And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will attract everyone to me and gather them around me." He put it this way to show how he was going to be put to death.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Ministry of Music

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

John Carter
Senior Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not, O cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

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 and Cathy Oldham, 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, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Heidi Sherer's Uncle Joel and Aunt Mary Sherer and Uncle Chris Sherer.

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

Seed That in Earth Is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
grave, to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:
fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.



Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love,
arr. Mark Hayes

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**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 9 & 10**
Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting
Time: **11:15 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

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



Sister Act
BE BOLD IN 2021!
Monday, March 22
6:30 pm via ZOOM
Bold Women—
Stacey Abrams

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83499396598?pwd=SWtHcWxmUUIQmdhV0dXdU5iTTF4dz09>

Meeting ID: 834 9939 6598

Passcode: 020068

Please join us for fellowship and discussion



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**

Passcode: **619946**

Phone only: **646 876 9923**



**Journaling
Workshop**
7-8:30 pm
4th Tuesdays
Via ZOOM

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Scott Steiner
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Scott Steiner. Tom Mimplitch

Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 21 - 28

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30 pm	ZOOM Sister Act—Bold Women
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	3:00 pm	ZOOM Member Care Team
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	7:00 pm	LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesday March 24

Livestream 7:00 pm

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>



Birthdays this week:
24 - Carol Heacock