

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023
10:00 a.m.
In person and streamed on Zoom**



Prelude *Prière ~ Jean Langlais*

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

The prayer of confession is a gift to us because it offers us a new beginning. In the prayer of confession, we lay our cards on the table. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again. So together, with God's grace, let us wipe the slate clean. Together, with God's grace, let us pray the prayer of confession:

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine. No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven. Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Join me in saying:

We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. Amen.

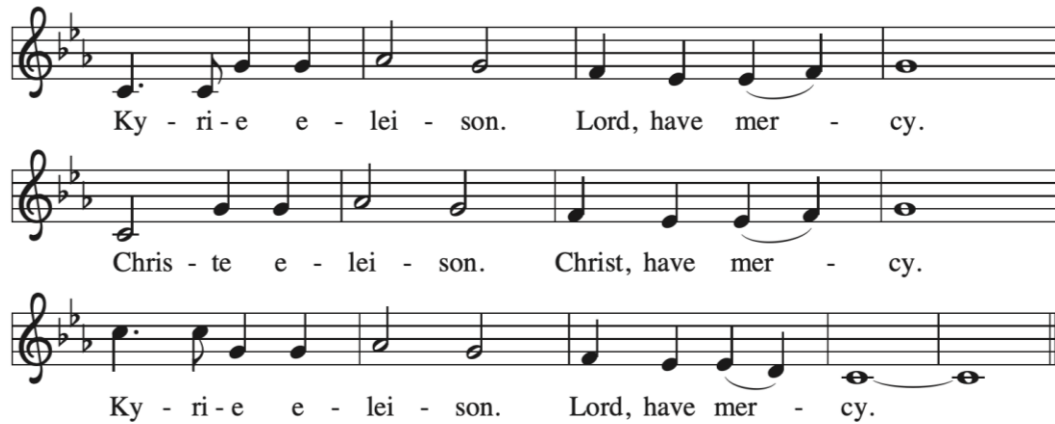
Gathering Hymn *O Living Breath of God ~ ELW 407*

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 and Hymn of Praise



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading **Genesis 12:1-4a**

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

Psalms 121



I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

The LORD will not let your foot be moved,

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

Refrain

the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

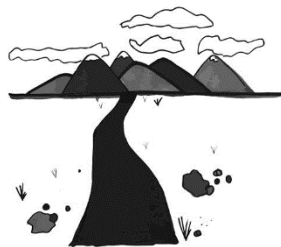
the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forevermore.

Refrain



Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.



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The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you O Lord

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn Of the Day *Womb of Life and Source of Being ~ ACS 948*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,
who welcomes our questions,
who invites us to begin again.**

**We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith,
a more compassionate existence.**

**We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,
God always welcomes us home. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with the words, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you

As you share a greeting of peace, some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering *We Cannot Measure How You Heal ~ arr. John L. Bell*
(All Saints Choir with Naomi Brandt, bassoon and Priscilla Brower, flute)

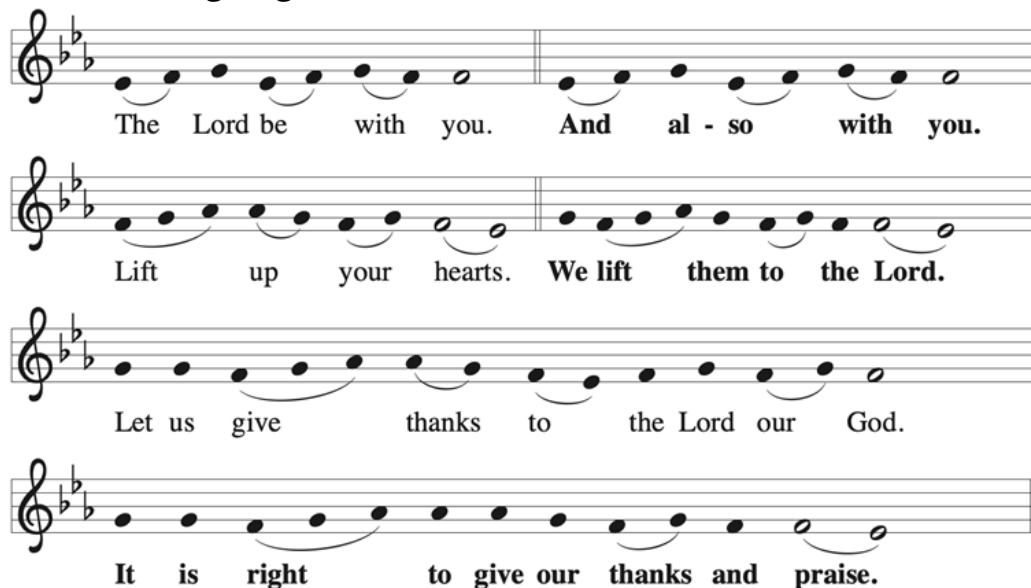
Offertory Song *Return to God ~ Gather #389 (refrain only, 2x)*



Offertory Prayer

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings** as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

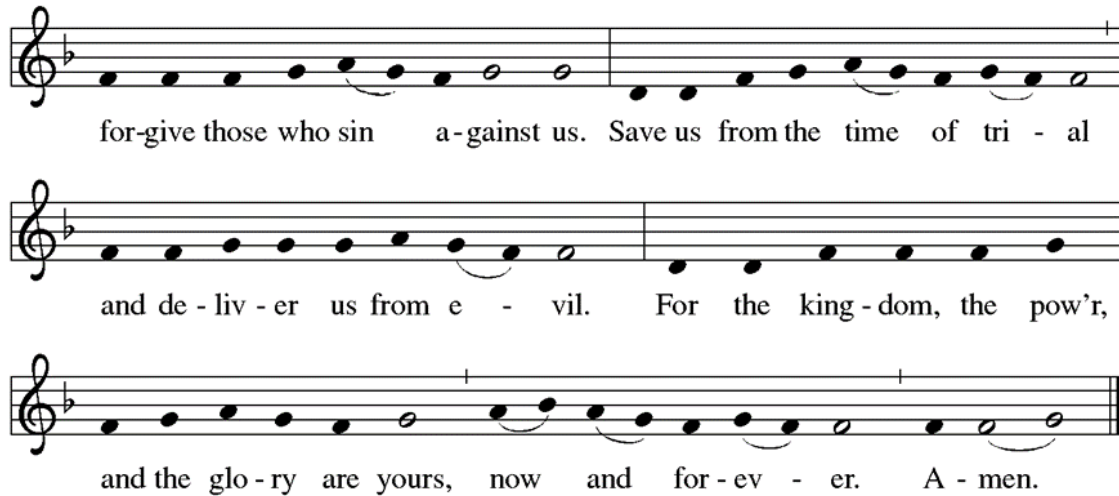


It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn

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

Blessed are you, God of the universe ...
in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.



Communion Hymn *This is the Spirit's Entry Now ~ ELW 448*

Blessing After Communion

Prayer

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

Blessing

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary. Seek the good in every person you pass.
Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.
In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Lift High the Cross ~ ELW 660*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God
Thanks be to God

Postlude *Toccata in E Minor ~ Johann Pachelbel*

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*As God's forgiven people:
We welcome all in Christ's love
We grow together in faith and life
We got out to love and serve others*

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