

**Joy Mission Church**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Lent 4/1/20**

GATHERING HYMN

**253      What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis-cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

*Words:* Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886  
*Music:* Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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DIALOG

**Glory to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jesus said: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
**and I will give you rest.**

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
**and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy,  
**and my burden is light.”** *Matthew 11:28-30*

And, Jesus said: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
**Not as the world gives do I give to you.**

Let not your hearts be troubled,  
**neither let them be afraid.”** *John 14:27*

APOSTLES’ CREED - *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

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

**He will come again 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**

PRAYER - *Philippians 3:4; 4:4, 6-7, 11-12; 1 Peter 5:7; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 2:4-8*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Loving Father, you want us to be anxious about nothing, but in every situation to be content and to trust in you alone. As we cast our cares upon you, remind us that you are ever near, that you are working all things together for our good, and that in Christ, we have the assurance of salvation. Fill our hearts with your peace, that we lay aside our fears and press on in faith, always giving thanks and rejoicing in your love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PSALM 46

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- <sup>8</sup> **Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> **“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

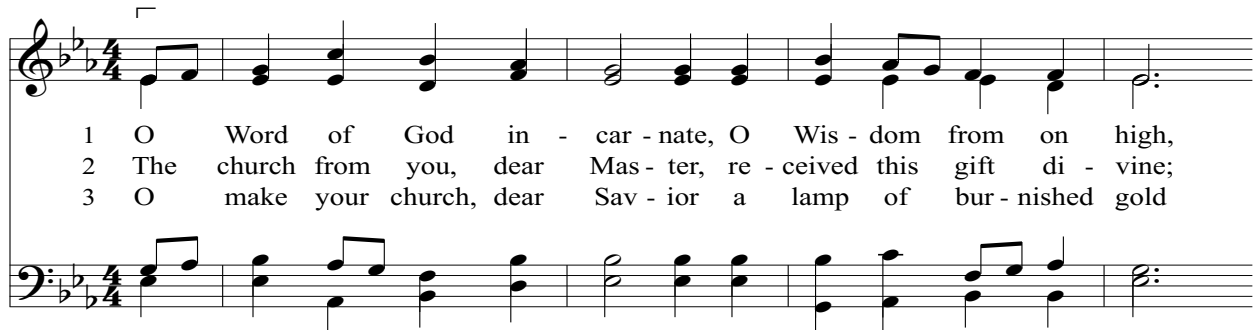
SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:1-4, 10-17 <sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people... <sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

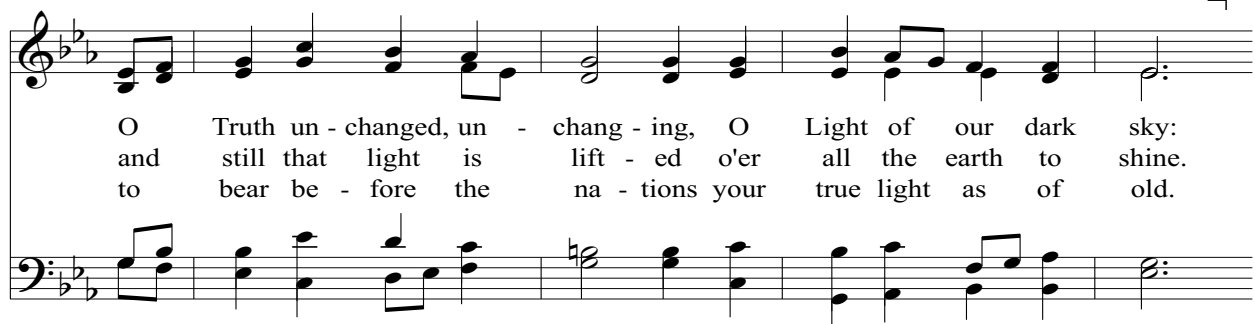
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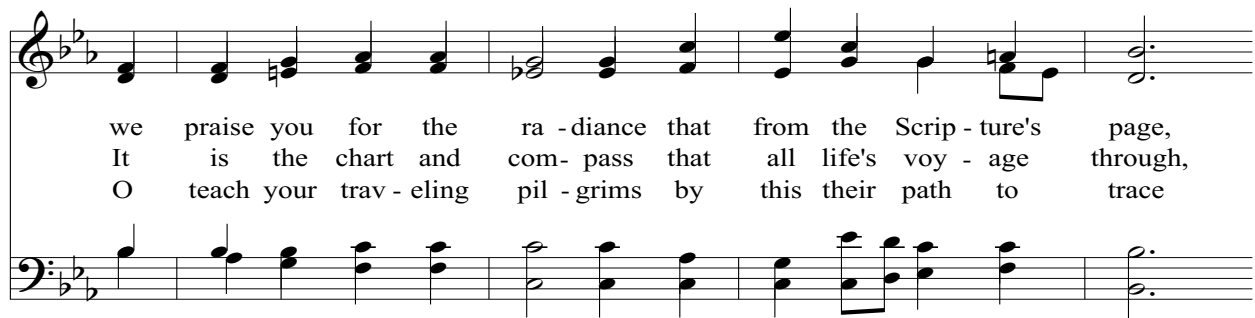
# O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived this gift di - vine;  
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the Scrip - ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that all life's voy - age through,  
O teach your trav - eling pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face.

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## PRAYERS

Holy and mighty Lord, we praise you that you have given us your Word to comfort us, guide us, and lead us all the days of our lives.

Preserve and defend your Church throughout the world that she may preach your Gospel purely and administer the Sacraments rightly, and help all who receive these, your means of grace, to trust and believe in our salvation through Christ our Lord.

Bestow upon this and all nations of the earth your abundant grace. Especially we pray for your gifts of wisdom and compassion to guide those in authority. Bless all who put their lives in danger to care for those in need, especially our healthcare workers and their families. Shield them with your mighty arm.

Defend from all calamities, war, pestilence, and scarcity, and in all things, make us grateful for your continual provision and care. Lift up the lowly. Help the sick and needy. And give comfort to those who are afraid or in distress.

Prepare us in this time for the world that is to come, that doing the good works you have prepared for us, we may know the joy of obedience to your will. All this and whatever else you see that we need, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITANY - *Psalms 85:7, 132:9, 4:8, 33:12, 67:1-2, 9:9-10*

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

**and grant us your salvation.**

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,

**and let your saints shout for joy.**

In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

**the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known on earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

**a stronghold in times of trouble.**

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

**For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day, and I pray you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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;  
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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION - *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



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worship + fellowship + discipleship

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