



Fourth Sunday in Lent
3/14/21
Lutheran Book of Worship
Holy Communion Setting One

GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

Lent is a 40-day season of contemplation, spiritual discipline, recalling the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Throughout the season, we reflect upon our sinfulness and God's grace. As we take up spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting (denying oneself), and giving to the poor, God calls us to turn from serving ourselves, repent of our sins, and return to Him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Please, stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, you may trace the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Holy and Gracious God, **have mercy on me, a poor sinner.**

In your compassion forgive me my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has mercy on us. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, He forgives us all our sins. May He strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (LBW #448)

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts (1, 2, 3, 4) and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.
 We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

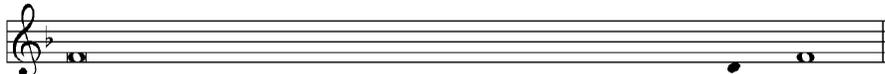
APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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 (“Lord, have mercy...” LBW pp. 57-58) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



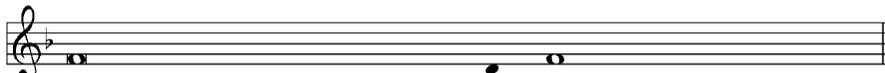
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



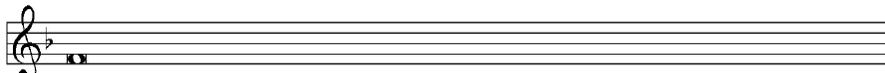
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.

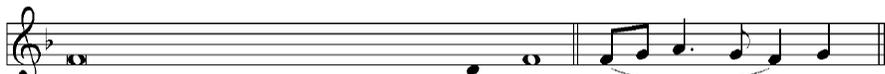


Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



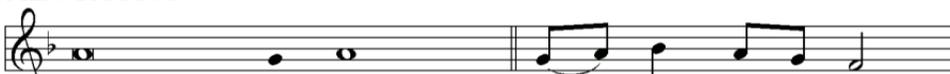
let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓞ A - men

SALUTATION



Ⓞ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And 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 loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

PSALM 107:1-9 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,*
and his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let all those whom the Lord has re- | deemed proclaim*
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.**

³He gathered them out | of the lands;*
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in | desert wastes;*
they found no way to a city where | they might dwell.**

⁵They were hun- | gry and thirsty;*
their spirits lan- | guished within them.

⁶**Then they cried to the Lord | in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.**

⁷He put their feet on a | straight path*
to go to a city where | they might dwell.

⁸**Let them give thanks to the Lord | for his mercy*
and the wonders he does | for his children.**

⁹For he satis- | fies the thirsty*
and fills the hungry | with good things.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 63) *John 6:68*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter



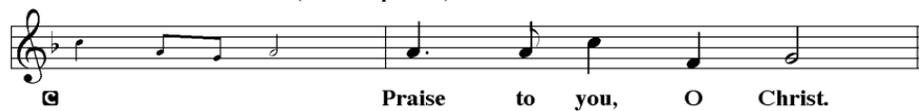
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21

¹⁴{Jesus said to Nicodemus,} “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LBW #482)

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: adapt. Edward Miller, 1731-1807

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NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

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

**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.

**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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

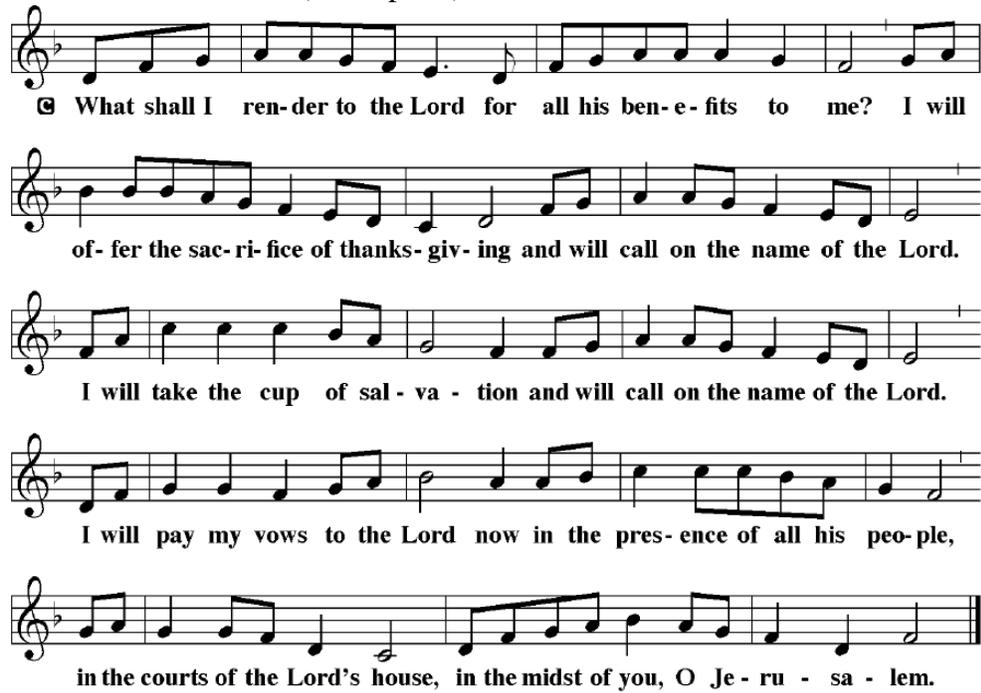
OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Place your gifts in the offering plate as you exit the chapel or drop them in the mail.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 67)

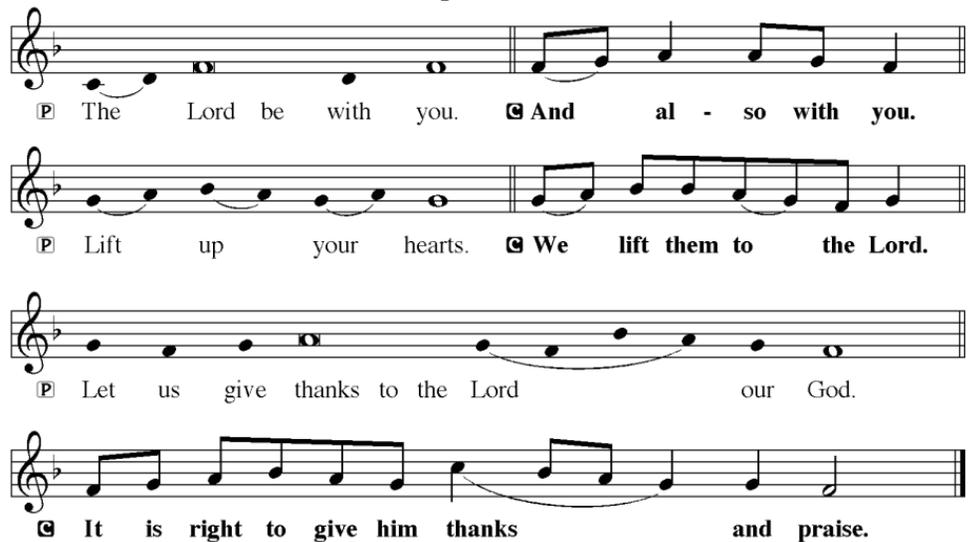


☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al- so with you.
☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Minister’s Desk Edition p. 201-261)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,

and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) *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.

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 72) John 1:29

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by family groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer. Pull your mask down below your mouth before taking the bread and wine in your hand. Each group or individual will commune separately and return to their seats before the next group or individual comes forward.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" (LBW #385, verses 1 & 3)

G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

Am Bbmaj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

“Jesus, Remember Me” (WOV #740, **Sing 3 times**)

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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worship + fellowship + discipleship

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