

**Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019**



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Gathering

Prelude “Celtic Dream”

Irish Traditional Tune

Welcome

**Confession
and
Forgiveness** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us,
and make us new.
Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

*We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.*

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

*We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.*

*Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows.*

Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,

God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert,

God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent,

God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of ✝ Christ,

leading you from death into life. *Amen.*

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Gathering
Hymn

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW 719

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



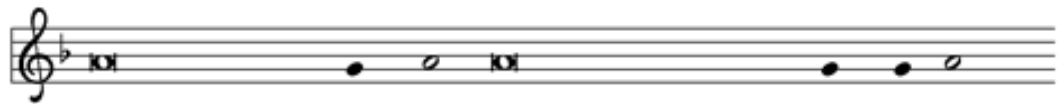
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



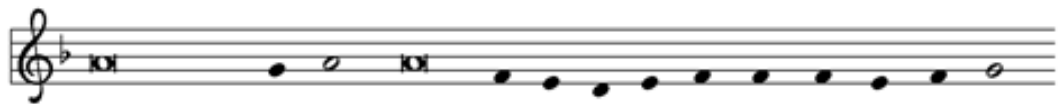
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



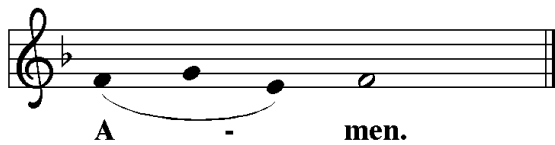
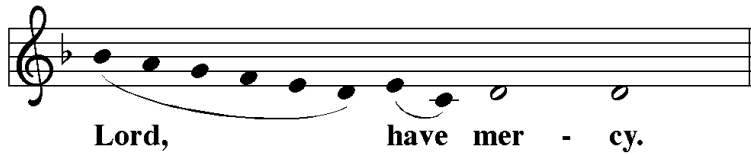
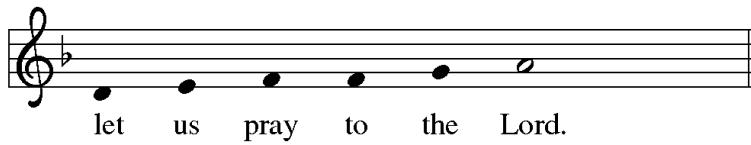
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



Prayer of the Day God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Word

First Reading **Genesis 15: 1 - 12, 17 - 18**

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside

and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”⁸ But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*



Psalm 27 Refrain



Tone



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. R**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call; have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me, the LORD will | take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your | way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing
violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD
in the land | of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD| and be strong.
Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R**

Second Reading Philippians 3: 17 - - 4: 1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

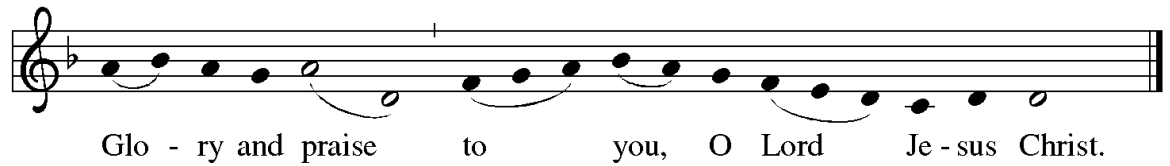
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Joyful Noise

Bell Choir “Down in the River to Pray”

John A. Behnke

**Gospel
Acclamation**



Gospel P: The Holy Gospel as it is recorded in **Luke**.
C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Luke 1: *Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will
31 - 35 deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek

**Hymn of the
Day**

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW 613

**Apostles
Creed**

*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.*

Prayers of P: ...hear us. O God,
Intercession C: *Your mercy is great.*

Meal

Offering

Hymn "When We Are Living"

ELW 639

Offering Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you
Prayer provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money,
imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that
welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. *Amen.*

The Great P: The Lord be with you.
Thanksgiving C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 in the high - est.

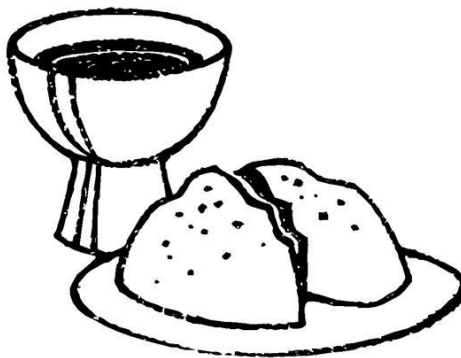


Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Thanksgiving
at the Table** In the night...Amen.



**Lord's
Prayer**



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
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Invitation to Communion **P:** Christ has prepared the feast.
Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Communion Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" **ELW 502**

Prayer After Communion Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Post
Communion
Canticle**

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Sending

Blessing God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sending Song “Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW 765

Dismissal **P:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude “Canticle of the Turning”

Irish Traditional Tune

SERVING US TODAY

Assisting Minister/Leader	J. Smith
Audio	D. Pascoe
Lector	T. Phannenhour
Greeters	D. & W. Kearns
Ushers	Team # 3
Altar	F. Brown
Communion Server	T. Dash
Counter	D. Brown
Coffee Set-up / Clean-up	I. Brauer, K. Dragert / L. & L. Piller
Baked Goods	I. Brauer, K. Dragert

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	11:00 am	Euchre
	1:00 pm	Senior's Fitness
	2:30 or 7:00 pm	Lenten Study
	7:15 pm	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	12:30 pm	SPLC Book Club
	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Homework Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	6:30 pm	Yoga

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Janet Biernacki, Beverly Binhammer, Rodney Erlandson, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Eleonore Ritthaler, Janice Rouse, Elga Smidt, George Willis, Judith Wilson, and Hugh Wood.



EASTER FLOWERS – CLAY FUNDRAISER: We are selling hydrangeas, Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. Please see insert for order form. Thank you.

Monday, March 18 @ 2:30 or 7:00 pm: Lenten Bible Study.

Tuesday, March 19 @ 12:30 pm: SPLC Book Club.



Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper with Holden Evening Prayer @ 7:00 pm.

Saturday, March 23: SPY: Rock Climbing

Monday, March 25: LIFE deadline for submission of articles and photos.

Monday, March 25 @ 7:00 pm: “Bonjour Spring” Fashion Show at Islington United Church, 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd. Tickets: \$25 (includes desserts, treats, and prizes).

Sunday, March 31 @ 11:30 am: Lunch ‘n’ Learn: Human Trafficking.

CANNED FRUIT: Please bring in a can or two to fill up our own “Food Bank”. We have a few people in the neighbourhood who visit us on a regular basis. They prefer canned fruit. Thank you.

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*