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Pastor Robert Neubert

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**April 3, 2022**

**9:30 am**

*“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.” - Isaiah 35:4*

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**GATHERING**

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING FOR APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they grow in wisdom and grace, and help them to trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.  
**Amen.**

**\* = Please stand as you are able.**

GATHERING HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*, ELW 324

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872  
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

**\*GREETING**

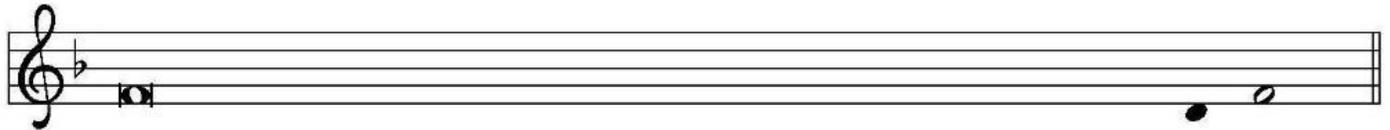
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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**REFRAIN**



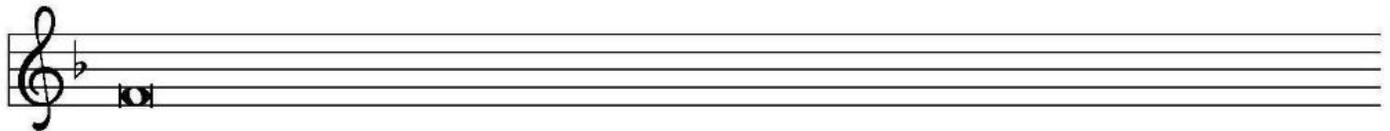
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



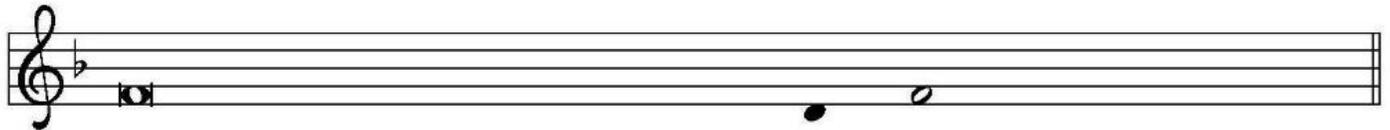
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



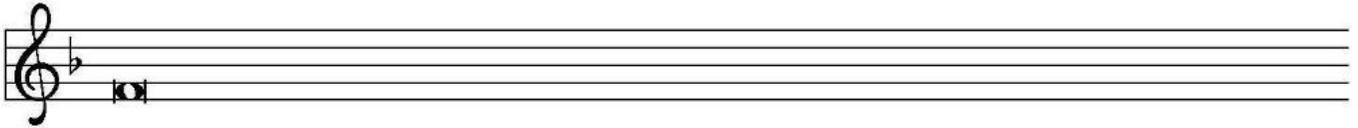
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



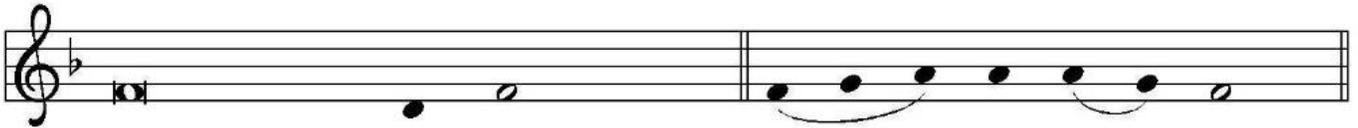
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

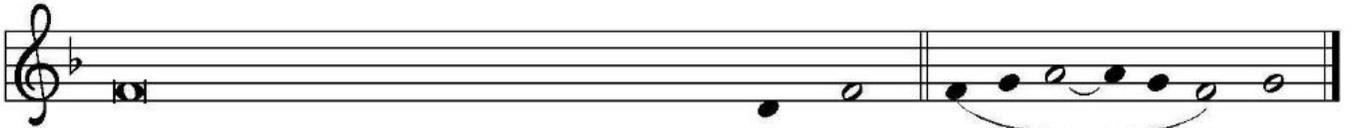


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

*Welcome families! We're so glad you are here!*

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## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for  
them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb. R**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. R**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have  
more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe

of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

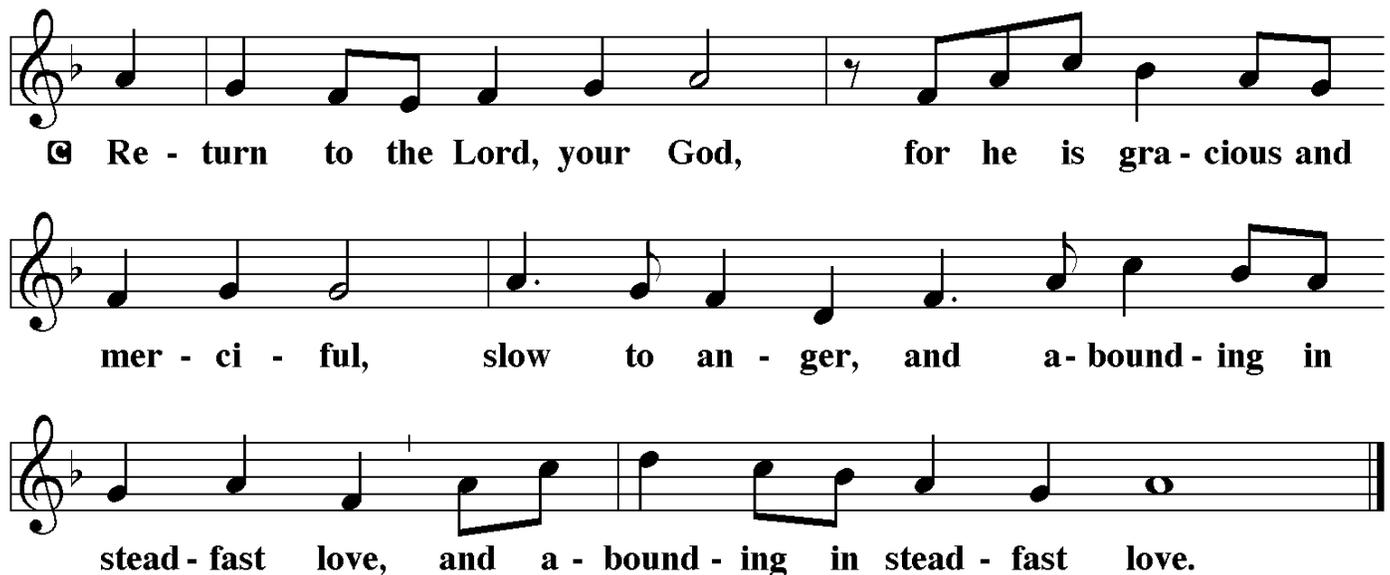
<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: John 12:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

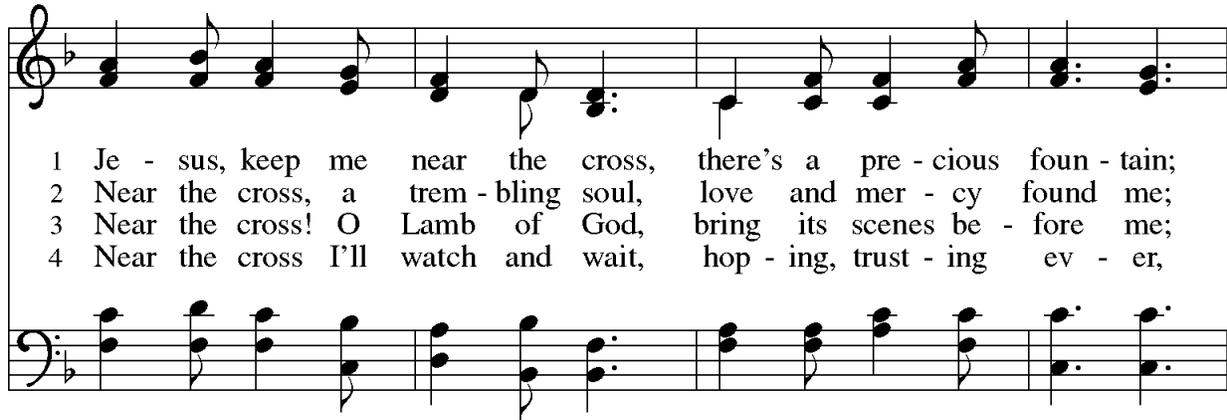
<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

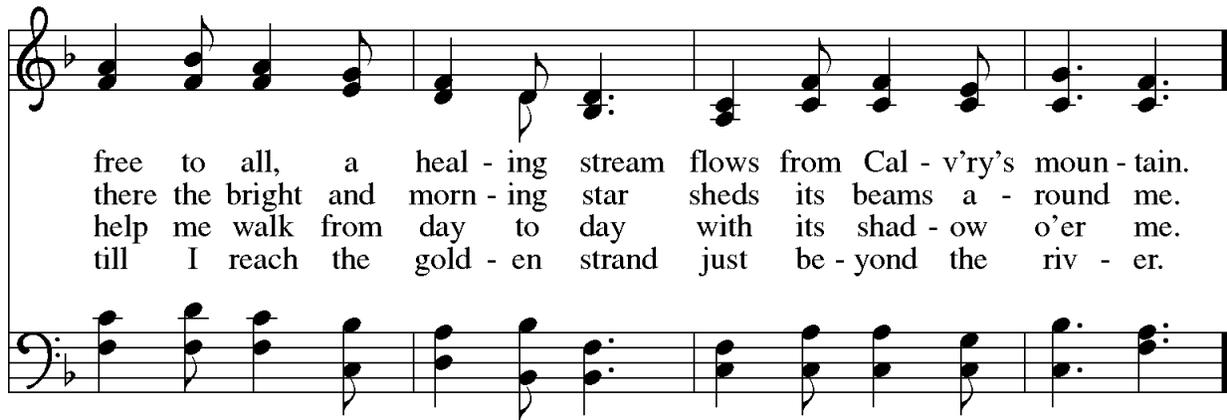
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335

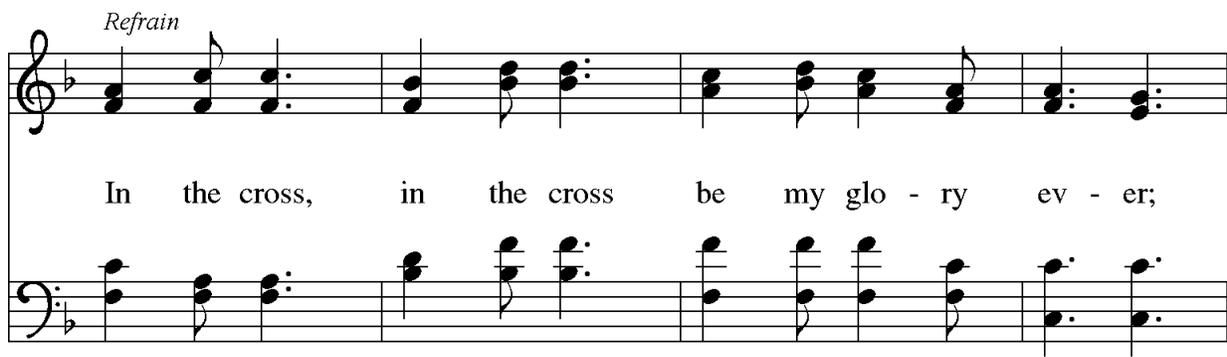


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

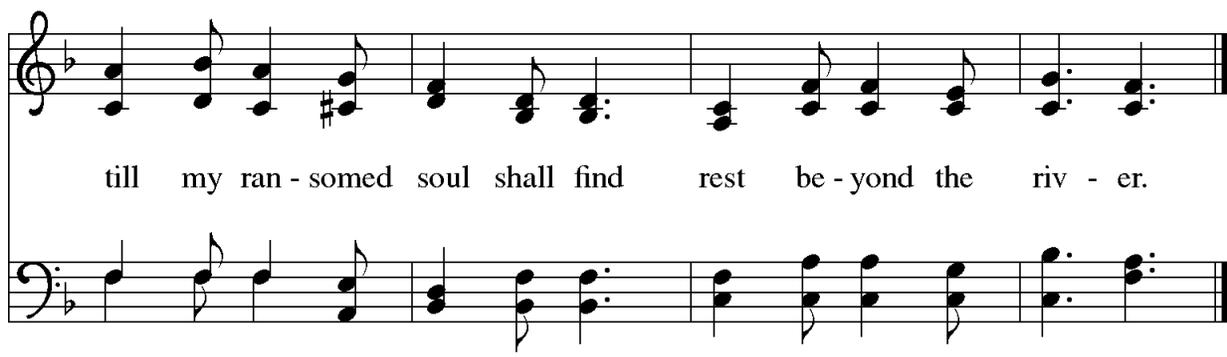


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**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**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick, especially those we name now in our hearts and on our lips. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with a wave or a fist bump.*

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at [www.glcportland.org/give](http://www.glcportland.org/give) or with Venmo.*

## OFFERTORY: *Create in Me A Clean Heart*, ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

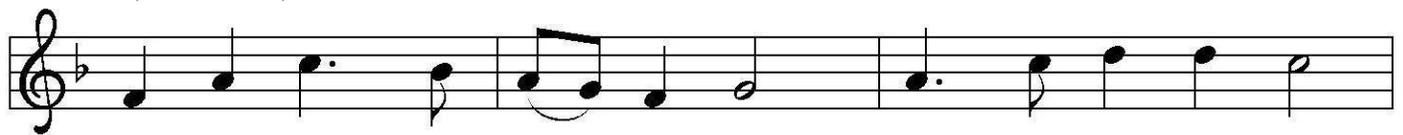
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*All are welcome to celebrate communion as part of our worship this morning! If you are joining us via livestream, any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as Pastor Robert says these words:*

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

**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,  
for ever and ever.**

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*If you did not pick up a communion cup as you entered, please see an usher. Please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary today.*

Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### \*COMMUNION SONG: *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*, ELW 754



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.

**Amen.**

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## **SENDING**

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## **\*BLESSING**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* ELW 543**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Join us for **online Sunday worship** on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> or via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland>. To join Zoom by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505.
- Join us for **Wednesday Lenten Services**: 12:00 pm in-person or 7:00 pm online only: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83898851299> Meeting ID: 838 9885 1299
- **Congratulations to Andy Walker on his baptism last week!**
- **We will continue to require masks inside the building this weekend.** Masks will become optional April 10. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to keep our members safe.
- Join us for a **Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Palm Sunday, April 10**, where we will meet with our transitional pastor, Sara Rosenau.
- **Order Easter Lilies TODAY!** If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily to grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, order envelopes are available on the poster display in the Narthex near the Sanctuary doors. If you need an envelope mailed to you, call the church office. Fill in the envelope information, place cash or check inside, then seal and place in the offering plate or turn in to the office. The cost is \$9.00 each. **All orders must be in to the church office no later than THIS SUNDAY, April 3.** Questions? Ask Gloria Kelsay.
- **Matching Gift to Lutheran Disaster Response for Ukraine:** Thanks to a generous donor, [every gift at this link to Lutheran Disaster Response's Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \\$50,000, to support people impacted by the war in Ukraine.](#) You can also call **800-638-3522** to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response.
- **Rummage Sale Update: NEW Sale dates: May 13-14. Setup begins May 6.** We will need the help of every able-bodied one of you! Please mark your



calendars now to save the dates! But don't wait...we can use the help now. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 to sort and mark what is here already until we get tired (Bonus: if you come to help, you can bring some stuff ahead of time!) We also plan to have a bake sale again this year! Questions? Call Kim @ 503-351-1913 or Paulette @ 503-810-9559.

### Worship Assistants for April

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Usher/s</b>
April 3	Dick Bemrose	Roseann Libonati	
April 10	Gloria Kelsay	Mary Curtis	Laura Britzius
April 17	Jay Rector	Dick Bemrose	
April 24	Ernie Butenschoen	Gloria Kelsay	Mary Karter

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