

5th Sunday of Lent - With One Voice
March 22, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Diane Rauser

Liturgists

8:15 - Vickie/10:45 - Rynn & Mary Ann

ELW= the red hymn book under your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book. A black Bible is also located beneath your seat.

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† *Confession and Forgiveness*

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Most holy God,

We come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you already, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb,
where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Liturgy of the Word

† 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.**

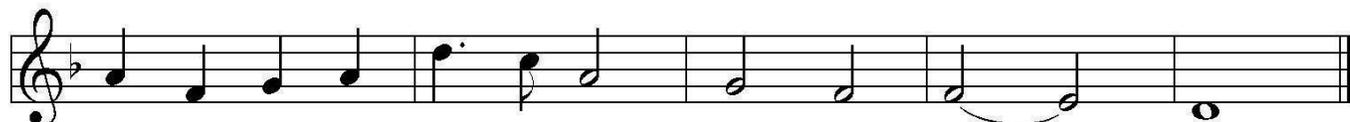
† Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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† Hymn of Praise

Refrain:



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

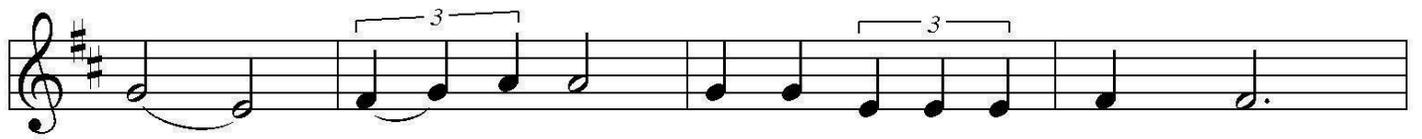


I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

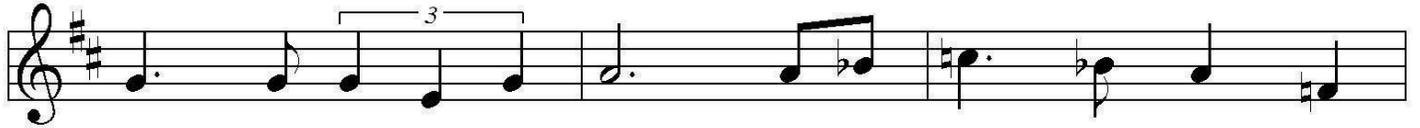
Refrain



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

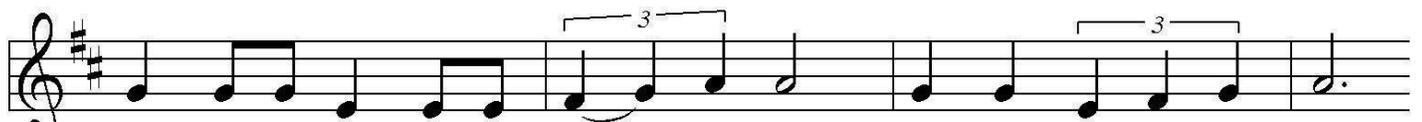


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

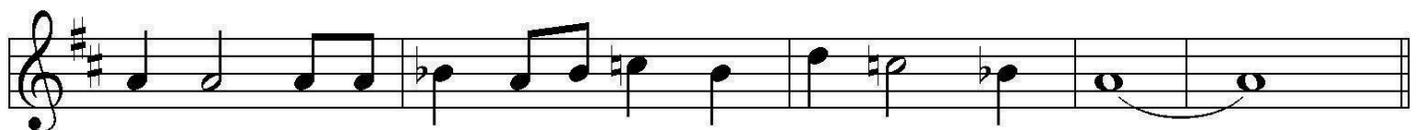
Refrain



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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



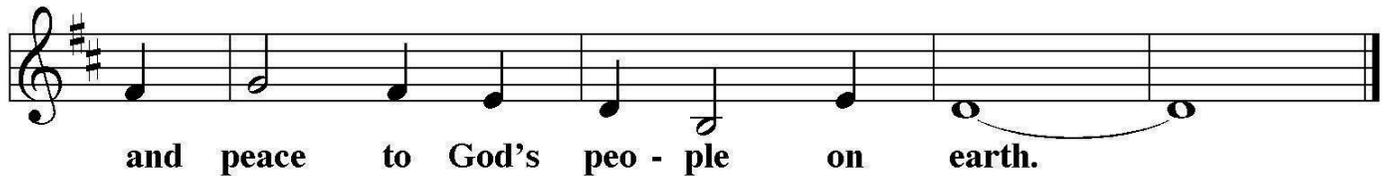
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



† Prayer of the Day

God of love, in this season of Lent, we remember how you walked willingly into the arms of death on a cross. Help us to put our entire lives into your hands in complete surrender, trusting that you will carry us through whatever trials we face. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**

on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth,**

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ **who executes justice for the oppressed;**

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;

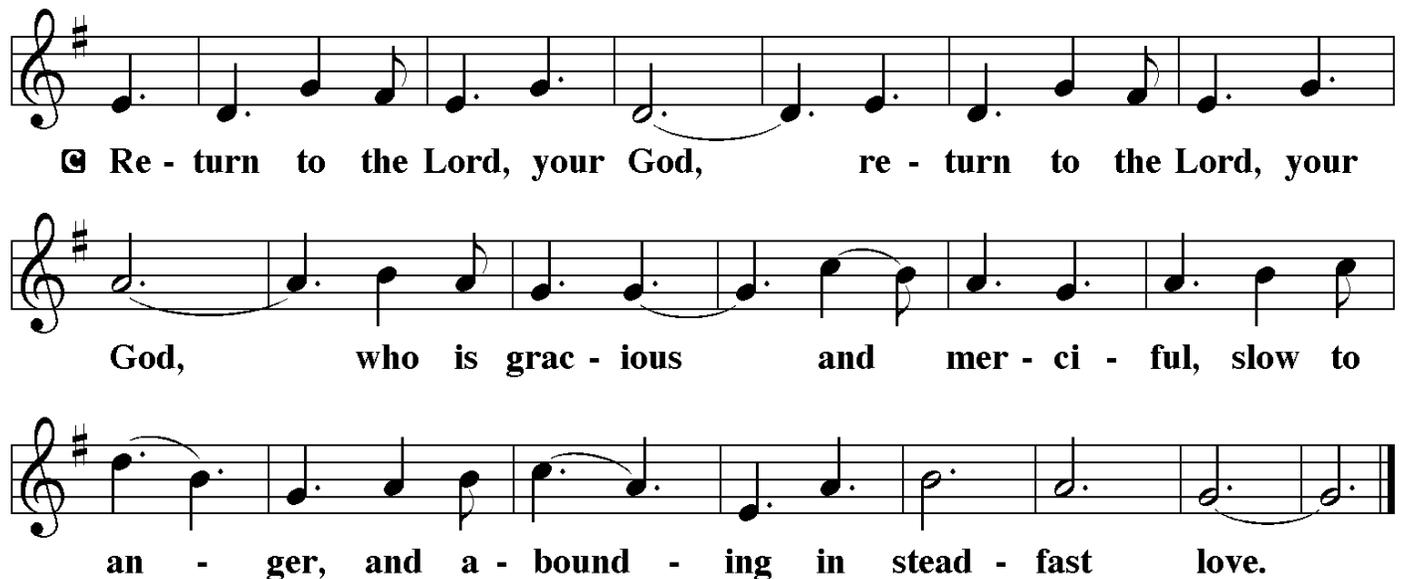
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

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

† Gospel Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

† Gospel Reading: John 17: 1-25

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave

me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you

have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Kelly Ahrens

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Williams

† Hymn of the Day: Someone Prayed for Me



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| 1 | Some-bod - y | prayed | for me, | had me | on | their | mind, | |
| 2 | My | moth - er | prayed | for me, | had me | on | her | mind, |
| 3 | My | fa - ther | prayed | for me, | had me | on | his | mind, |
| 4 | The | peo - ple | prayed | for me, | had me | on | their | mind, |



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| took some time to | pray for me. | I'm so glad they | prayed, |
| took some time to | pray for me. | I'm so glad she | prayed, |
| took some time to | pray for me. | I'm so glad he | prayed, |
| took some time to | pray for me. | I'm so glad they | prayed, |



I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.
I'm so glad she prayed, I'm so glad she prayed for me.
I'm so glad he prayed, I'm so glad he prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed, I'm so glad they prayed for me.

† 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 Intercession

With hope in your promised redemption, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, we would sooner argue to justify ourselves than surrender and discover what treasures there may be in yielding to your will. Make Jesus our model of unwavering

faithfulness in the face of threats to our status and safety.
God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Our natural world is in crisis, ravaged by our thoughtless exploitation of what you have made. Give us the hope and motivation to take action to change our society's ways that we might create a brighter future for our children's children.
God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Inspire all who lead to work tirelessly for just laws that ensure that all people enjoy basic human rights. Sustain the work of those who labor to change oppressive systems here and around the world. We pray for peace, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, and Palestine. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

For all with no voice, make us advocates, O God. For those who are lonely or feel abandoned, makes us companions. And for all who suffer any illness or trial, make us bringers of a healing word and a steadying hand, especially... God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

For all those who stood trials on behalf of your Gospel, and all who gave their lives in service to a larger truth, we give thanks. Join us to saints of old and those among us still, and number us among your redeemed. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all things to your eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

You are a generous, faithful, and just God, even when we fall short of those expectations of us. Accept these gifts we offer to you today as expressions of our willingness to grow beyond our perceived limits and soar, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

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

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

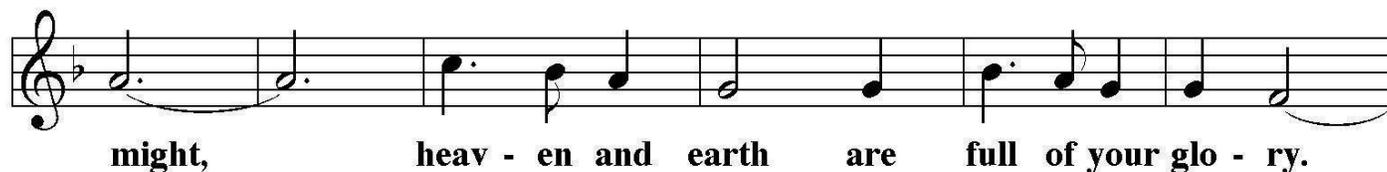
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Preface

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

† Holy, Holy, Holy



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer / Padrenuestro

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
 santificado sea tu nombre.
 Venga tu reino.
 Hágase tu voluntad
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Perdona nuestras ofensas
 como también nosotros
 perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
 No nos dejes caer en tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
 el poder y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine/juice with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Song: 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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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Praise the One who breaks the darkness
 with a liberating light;
 praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
 turning blindness into sight.
 Praise the One who preached the gospel,
 healing ev'ry dread disease,
 calming storms and feeding thousands
 with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
 with a strong yet gentle word;
 praise the One who drove out demons
 with a piercing, two-edged sword.
 Praise the One who brings cool water
 to the desert's burning sand;
 from this well comes living water

quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior
Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

† Sending Hymn: My God, How Wonderful Thou Art **ELW 863**

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!
How wonderful, how beautiful
the sight of thee must be—
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awesome purity!
No earthly father loves like thee;

no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart
till faith in vision end.

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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