

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



***For Every Heart a Home***

**March 10th, 2024 at 10:30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

# Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco

Cantor: Ann and Carroll Van Cleave

*Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during our worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.*



*All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.*

## **Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist

## **Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn 610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

Liturgist

## **Kyrie Eleison**

**Martin sings:**

Kyrie Eleison

**Congregation & Cantor:**

Kyrie Eleison

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Liturgist

**The 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory for ever. AMEN**

**Reading**

Numbers 21:4-9

Liturgist

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. 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 detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Choir: Hymn 653** (Psalm 107) *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

**Reading**

John 3:14-21

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And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**Sermon**

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

**Offering**, during which we hear Carroll and Ann Van Cleave sing *God So Loved*, by We the Kingdom

*If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!*

GENERAL OFFERING



**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing the Peace**

## Invitation to Communion

**\*Song**

*We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table*

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.  
With the gift of bread, we are coming, Lord.  
With the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.  
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.  
To receive the bread, we are coming, Lord.  
To receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.  
Oh, we are coming, Lord. Oh, we are coming, Lord.

*(Remain Standing)*

## 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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness.  
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow  
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus (unison)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest.**

*(the congregation sits)*

### **Telling the Story**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,  
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.  
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made.  
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory,  
that life and light might reign.  
Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,  
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.  
At supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."  
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave  
it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
We now obey your Son's command.  
We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.  
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

**(unison) Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be for us spiritual food and drink, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

**(Pastor) Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.  
Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God  
**Have mercy on us**  
Jesus bearer of our sins

**Have mercy upon us**  
Jesus redeemer of the world  
**Grant us your peace.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Wine**

*(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together.)*

### **Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Song** (Psalm 103)      *Praise God My Soul!* (see over)

**Charge, Benediction and Celtic Amen**  
***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

### **Postlude**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

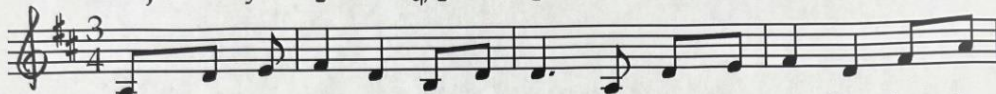
**Livestreaming of Worship.** Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.



# Praise God my soul!

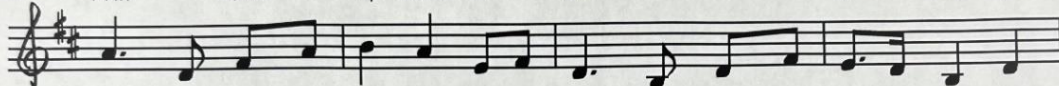
Vikki Cook

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1. Praise God, my soul! with all my heart let me ex - alt his ho - ly  
 2. The Lord is mer - ci - ful and kind, to an - ger, slow, and full of  
 3. But ev - er - last - ing is God's love for those who fear him, and their

4 F#m D/F# G D/F# A Bm G<sup>b</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A



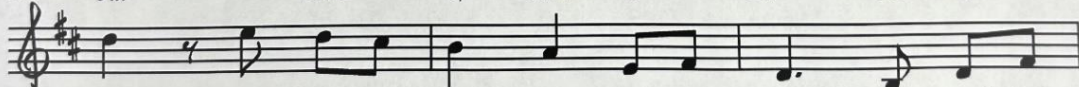
name. For - get not all his be - ne - fits; his praise, my soul, in song pro -  
 grace. He will not con - stant - ly re prove, or in his an - ger hide his  
 seed, for those who keep his cov - en - ant, and care - ful - ly his pre cepts

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claim. He sa - tis - fies your deep de - sires from his un - end - ing stores of  
 face. Just as a fa - ther loves his child, so God loves those who fear his  
 heed. O praise the Lord, you heav'n - ly hosts, his ser - vants who per - form his

12 Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm<sup>(add2)</sup> Bm Bm/A



good, so that, just like the ea - gle's strength, your youth - ful  
 name. For he re - mem - bers we are dust, and well he  
 word. Praise God, his works through - out the world, And you, my

15 G<sup>b</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A Bm Bm/A G<sup>(add2)</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A D



vi - gor is re - newed. Your youth - ful vi - gor is re - newed.  
 knows our fee - ble frame. And well he knows our fee - ble frame.  
 soul, O praise the Lord! And you my soul, O praise the Lord!

Doodle Away ...

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## Announcements

**Lent Study** This year we'll be focusing on the Book/Movie/Show *Les Miserables* for a special Lent series that looks at the major Christian themes which emerge through the characters and plot of this iconic piece of culture! *Cookies and drinks provided - bring your lunch* each Wednesday at noon (see back page for list). **One more evening session will be held at 7:30pm this week to cover the themes. Please sign up in the Narthex for the evening session.**

**Lent Space** Reflective time by candlelight in the chapel this Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm - 7:30pm. Come and unwind and leave the rest of life behind for 30 minutes in the beauty of this peaceful space.

**Care Packages** Children and Youth ministries will continue to collect snacks for our college students until March 17th. Let's send our young adults some love!

**St. Patrick's Dinner NEXT SATURDAY**, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Church House. Adults only event. \$20pp. Bring your own drinks of choice. Sign up today in the narthex or by Wednesday in the church office.

**PCAT Women's Group** will celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little late by going to an Irish pub this time around. We hope you can join us!

Date: Thursday, March 21st Time: 6pm

Place: Tommy Fox's, 32 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield

Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can coordinate with the restaurant. Marilyn (201) 888-0402 and Christina (917) 887-0308

**PCAT Men's Group** will share their next meal out on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Dantes in Leonia at 7pm. Sign up with Jim Crook [rjamescrook@gmail.com](mailto:rjamescrook@gmail.com) or Pastor Martin [pastorpcat@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpcat@gmail.com)

**NEW WELCOME TEAM being developed – we would love to have many of you join this new effort to make Sunday mornings even richer.**

PCAT has seen great progress over the past many months since we fully came out of the Covid period. With Pastor Martin's arrival and the increased level of activities for us all to experience, we now want to make Sunday morning a special time for our regular members and our guests who come to "try us out" or visit on special occasions.

After Covid, we merged the Greeters and the Ushers into a single team leveraging a small group that volunteered to serve as greeters, ushers, and to collect the offering. We are now considering a return to a team approach like we had prior to Covid. Our ideas for this new approach include:

- Establish 4 or 5 teams that will rotate across the weeks on a regular cycle
- Each team to have 5-6 individuals with one volunteer serving as the captain of the team
- Team responsibilities will be similar to our current process ... welcome members and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins, collect the offering and support other logistical matters as required
- 3 team members will be required at each service – meaning the captain will coordinate which of the 5 or 6 team members are on duty for a particular Sunday (this will allow for personal schedule issues during the year)
- Request those on duty to arrive 30 minutes before the service since some do arrive early – especially visitors.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Nancy in the church office, speak with Martin or contact Brian Coats-Thomas via email ([cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com)). Thank you for thinking about this opportunity – it will not require a significant time commitment but allows you to support what we do every Sunday morning.

**PresbyReaders** Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Carolyn and Al Rocco's home. We will be discussing James McBride's, *The Color of Water*.

## **Regular Groups at PCAT**

**PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenafly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous***, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

**Adventures in Faith:** Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin

**PresbyReaders:** Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. Contact Mary Jane Eimer.

**Bell Choir:** Contact Jim Millar

**Choir:** Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar

**Church School:** Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Childcare:** Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley

**Cro-Knitters:** Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist

**English as a Second Language (ESL):** Meets in Spring & Fall (10x's). Contact Jun Motai

**Mommy/Daddy and Me group:** Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. Contact Christina Chan

**Women and Men's Groups:** meet periodically.

# LENT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS



## *Les Miserables*

This year we'll be focusing on the Book/Movie/Show *Les Miserables* for a special Lent series that looks at the major Christian themes which emerge through the characters and plot of this iconic piece of culture!

You are invited to gather to watch the movie in the Church House on **Wednesday 14th February at 12noon.** Cookies and drinks provided - bring your lunch!!

Then there will be the following discussion sessions:

**Wed 21st at noon:** Grace Well Received

- The Story of Jean Valjean

**Wed 28th at noon:** When Grace and Justice Collide

- The Story of Javert

**Wed March 6th at noon:** The Poor are Always With You

- The Story of Fantine

**Wed March 13th at noon:** The Gift of Love

- The Story of Marius and Cosette

**Wed March 20th at noon:** Building the Barricade

- The Story of Les Amis

**Wed March 27th at noon:** The Blessed Garden

- A Hopeful Vision

We will also have two evening sessions on Wednesdays March 6th and 13th which will cover all the themes over two weeks! These will be in the Church Lounge at 7.30pm.





CELEBRATE

*Saint  
Patrick's  
Day*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH @ 6PM**



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# Holy<sup>+</sup>Week **SCHEDULE**

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March 28th  
(Maundy Thursday)

**6:30pm** *Middle Eastern dinner* in Jim Henry Hall  
**8:00pm** *Service of Tenebrae* by candlelight in the chapel

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March 29th  
(Good Friday)

**1:00pm** *Ecumenical Walk of Witness* starts at Church of the Atonement. **Calling at PCAT at 1:30pm**

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March 31st  
(Easter Sunday)

**5:30am** *Dawn service* in the Memorial Garden  
**10:30am** *Easter celebration*  
  
*Easter Egg hunt* following worship

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