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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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**PLEASE START SERVICE COUNTDOWN AT 9:25AM**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING SONG(TIMELINE)**

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

*Pg. 93 (G)*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and

ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE VERSE 1-3 (TIMELINE)

### Gathered in Your Peace, We Pray

A Hymn paraphrase of the Kyrie for Lent

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Gethsemane, 77 77 77

Cantor sings first half of each line. Congregation sings second half of line, in boldface

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with the congregation's parts in boldface. The score includes measure numbers 1, 5, and 9.

1. Gath - ered in your peace, we pray: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**  
2. For the Church, your wound - ed Bride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**  
3. For your peo - ple, saved by grace: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

5 For our shat - tered world, this day: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**  
Heal, re - store her to your side: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**  
Make of us one ho - ly race: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly God.**

9 Give us peace up - on our way: **Grant your mer - cy, ho - ly Lord.**  
Take a - way her sin and pride: **Grant your mer - cy, Je - sus Christ.**  
Til we see you face to face: **Grant your mer - cy, Lord, a - men.**

# A LENTEN HYMN VERSE 1-3 (TIMELINE)

## A Lenten Hymn

In place of the "Gloria in Excelsis" or other hymn of praise

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Tune: St. Catherine

*Cantor sings this before first verse only.*



Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you grant us peace.

*All*



1. Fath - er - high - ly, great God and King, Glo - ri - ous, gra - cious, mer - ci - ful, true;  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your Fath - er's true Son, Sin - bear - ing Lamb, the world's one true Light;  
3. Most ho - ly Spi - rit, great God and Lord, You give us grace to bless and a - done.



Our prayers and wor - ship and bless - ing we bring, Re - ceive it, Lord, as hom - age due.  
Grant life and mer - cy from your heav'n - ly throne, Our praise make to you be glo - ry in - er - sight.  
One with the Fath - er and the Word, more!

*Refrain: all*



Glo - ry we give you, God of grace! In Je - sus' Cross, you grant us peace.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us pray:.

C: 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.

**FIRST READING****ISAIAH 42:14-21**

R: The first lesson is from the 42nd chapter of Isaiah.

14 For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.

15 I will lay waste mountains and hills  
and dry up all their herbage;  
I will turn the rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.

16 I will lead the blind  
by a road they do not know;  
by paths they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will do,  
and I will not forsake them.

17 They shall be turned back and utterly put to shame—  
those who trust in carved images,  
who say to cast images,  
“You are our gods.”

18 Listen, you who are deaf,  
and you who are blind, look up and see!

19 Who is blind but my servant  
or deaf like my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind like my dedicated one  
or blind like the servant of the Lord?

20 He sees many things, but he does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

21 The Lord was pleased, for the sake of his righteousness,  
to magnify his teaching and make it glorious.

R: Here ends the reading.

## PSALM 142

## READ RESPONSIVELY

1 With my voice I cry to the Lord;  
with my voice I make supplication to the Lord.

**2 I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.**

3 When my spirit is faint,  
you know my way.

In the path where I walk,  
they have hidden a trap for me.

**4 Look on my right hand and see:  
there is no one who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for me.**

5 I cry to you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

**6 Listen to my cry,  
for I am brought very low.  
Save me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me.**

7 Bring me out of prison,  
so that I may give thanks to your name.  
The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.

## SECOND READING

## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

R: The second lesson comes from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

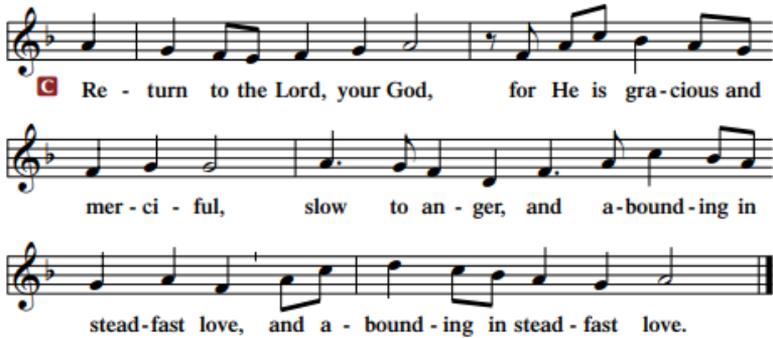
8 for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do

secretly, 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

R: Here ends the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPPELLA) PG 63 (G)

P: Please stand (as you are able) in honor of the gospel.



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.

## HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 9th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

9 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he

went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do



## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*"We Don't Need a Hero"*

### **HYMN AFTER SERMON (VIDEO)**

*Healer*

### **NICENE CREED**

p. 64 (LBW)

**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 worshipped  
and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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**

**P: God, in your mercy,**

**C: Receive our prayer.**

### **RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS**

# OFFERTORY (TIMELINE)

*For the Gifts Which You Have Given*

$\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "For the gifts which you have given, Generous, gracious, lavish Lord, We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love out-poured. Use our talents and our treasures; use our heart and mind and hand. Hal-low all for loving service to your folk in ev-ry land." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

For the gifts which you have giv - en, Gen'-rous, gra - cious, lav - ish Lord,

We give thanks and prayers and off - rings: tok - ens of your love out - poured.

Use our tal - ents and our trea - sures; use our heart and mind and hand.

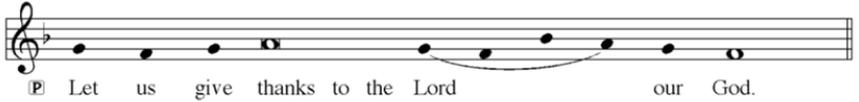
Hal - low all for lov - ing ser - vice to your folk in ev - ry land.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**C: Creator God, your Spirit surrounds and sustains us. As we offer these gifts, stir our quiet faith into confident witness. Replace our hesitant whispers with the courage to speak your truth. Shape our giving into acts of praise. We believe and pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

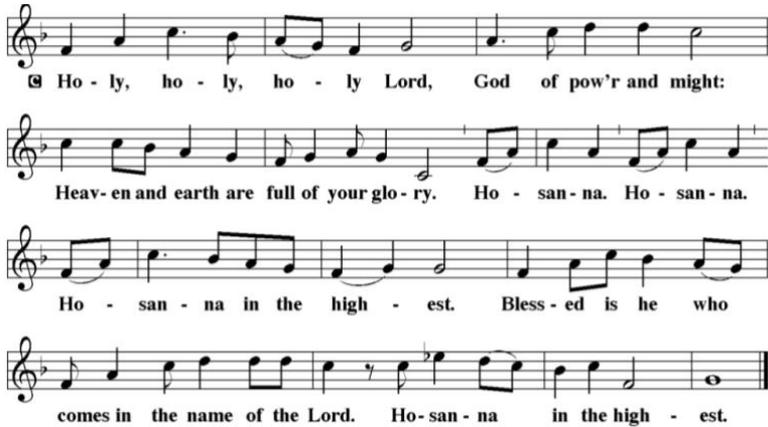
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (ACAPPELLA)** p.68 (LBW)



**PREFACE**

L: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(TIMELINE)



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

L: 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.

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## COMMUNION

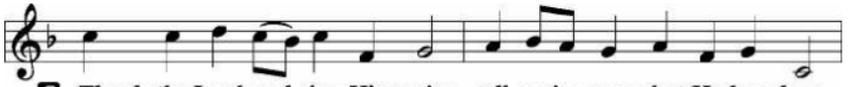
### SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Jesus Messiah*

*Come to the Table*

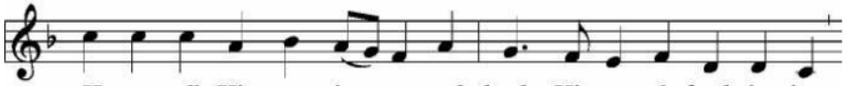
### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (TIMELINE) p. 72 (LBW)



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

## **BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **CLOSING**

## **SENDING SONG (TIMELINE)**

*I Am Free*

## **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

Mar. 16 - @ 2:00 Women's afternoon bible study

Mar. 17 - @ 7:00 pm Church Council

Mar. 18 - @ 9:00 am Women's Morning Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

@ 5:30 pm - Soup Supper

@ 6:00 pm - Pre-Tour with Pastor Ann - Fortress Antonia

@ 7:00 pm - Lenten Drama Service

Mar. 12 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sun Porch

Do you have extra Bibles and Christian materials at home that are not being used? Join our Lenten LOVE packages drive and bring your items to our display!

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Any hamburger or tuna helpers, peanut butter, soups, always need toilet paper or any other food you would like to share.

5th Sunday March 29th

"Let's Taco bout Jesus". Free will donation, meal will be provided. Bring your bible knowledge to win prizes!

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

Palm Sunday:

March 29th - 5th Sunday lunch - TACO 'bout Jesus! Taco bar and fun trivia game!

April 1 - Communion at Sunporch

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 3 - Good Friday Tennebrae Service

April 5 - Sunrise Easter Service

Scriptures for Mar. 22nd

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45 [46-53]

Sermon Title: "Lazarus, Come Out!"