

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 17 2024
SETTING 12 ALL CREATION SINGS**

HYMN SING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS p. 29)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING SONG *Restore in Us, O God* (ELW 328)

1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

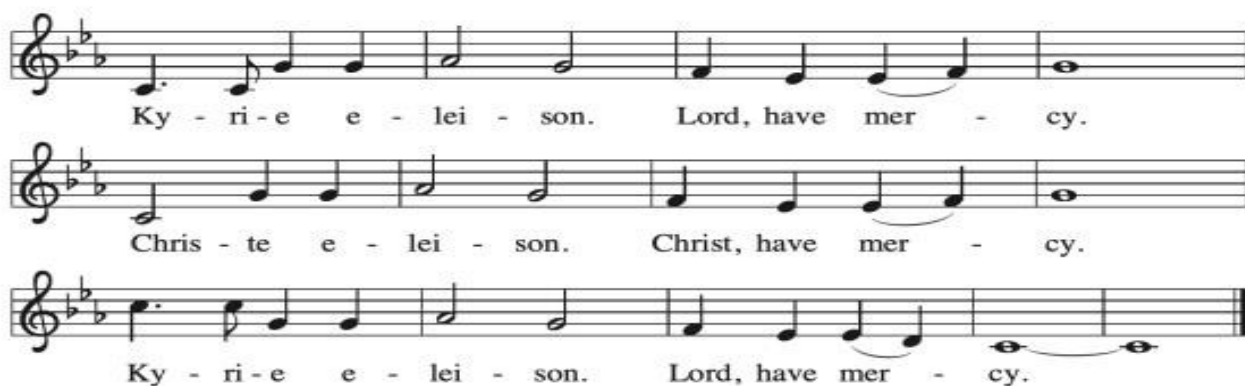
4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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GREETING (ACS p. 30)

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 (ACS p. 31)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 33)

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.

Mixed Choir Selection: Lamb of God By Twila Paris

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)



GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Seed That in Earth Is Dying* (ELW 330)

1 Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

2 We were baptized in Jesus,
into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise:
praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.

3 Seed that in earth is dying
rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table,
give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.

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APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 17)

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of goodwill, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill (especially *Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Aileen, Anneliese, Kaitlyn, Vaughan, Joan, Mervin, Don, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Lori, Erin, Betty, Kristine, Alex, Karl, Ingrid, Sharon, Melissa, Elva, Clarence*) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE (ELW p. 35)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *Now Is the Time of Grace* (ACS 918 x2)

Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.

Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ACS P. 36)

DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

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 (ACS p. 36)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ACS p. 37)

O God triune, how majestic
is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might
evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom
are both life and death,
growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt,
sunshine and storm,
darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders,
we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death;
we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ACS p. 39) SUNG

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us SING as Jesus taught us.

**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 (ELW p. 40)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)



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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

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HYMN DURING COMMUNION *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* (ELW 334 verses 1-3, 5)

1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

2 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Lent 5
God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as ev'ry breath.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in ✝ Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* (ELW 534)

1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.

3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
for us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
your evening presence promise to your own.

4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OFFERINGS

*Thank you for your generosity! If you are interested in leaving an offering for the ministry of the church you can do it in three ways: 1.) Place it in the **offering plates at either of the church sanctuary doors.** 2.) You can also transfer a donation to the church by sending a gift via **e-transfer to zionoffice@nrtco.net**. Please be sure to leave an address. 3.) Through **Pre-authorized Giving (PAR)** where an amount is automatically debited from your account each month. If you would like church envelopes or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at 613-732-8792*

ZION ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: March 18- 24

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| Monday: | 10:00 am | Pickle Ball |
| | 1:00 pm | Senior Exercise Class |
| | 6:00 pm | Pickle Ball |
| Tuesday: | 9:30 am | Tai Chi |
| | 1:00 pm | Lenten Book Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Tai Chi |
| | 7:00 pm | Mixed Choir |
| | 7:00 pm | Council Mtg. |
| Wednesday: | 9:00 am | Music Jam |
| | 10:30 am | Midweek Holy Communion Service |
| | 1:00 pm | Senior Exercise Class |
| | 6:00 pm | Soup & Sandwich Supper |
| | 7:00 pm | Evening Lenten Worship |
| | 8:00 pm | Men's Choir |
| Thursday: | 9:30 am | Tai Chi |
| | 10:00 am | Pinewood Worship Service |
| | 6:00 pm | Pickle Ball |
| | 6:30 pm | Tai Chi |
| | 7:00 pm | Healing Vets |
| Friday: | 1:00 pm | Senior Exercise Class |
| | 6:30 pm | Pulse Youth Group Pizza Party & Survivor Challenge Night |
| Sunday: | 10:00 am | Palm Sunday Worship Service |

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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| Presiding Minister: | Pastor Scott Schellenberger |
| Music Director: | Blaine Sack |
| Worship Assistant: | Lorraine MacKenzie |
| Sexton: | Koit Rull |
| Projector Operator: | Zachary Phannenhour |
| Video Recorder: | Ty Phannenhour |
| Sound Operator: | Todd Phannenhour |
| Counters: | Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz |
| Altar Care: | Wendy Schutt |
| Ushers: | Peter & Patti Wegner |
| Coffee Hour: | Jill & Al Kellough |

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Aileen Roesler, Anneliese Trautrim, Kaitlyn Vaillancourt, Vaughan Rosien, Joan Lehman, Mervin Bimm, Don Markus, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Lori Selles, Erin, Betty Kuehl, Kristine and Alex Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Sharon Wall, Melissa Nieman, Elva & Clarence Gagne.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 20th and March 27th at 6:00 pm**. If you would like to donate food on any of these occasions, please see the signup sheets outside of the kitchen door. Freewill offerings collected will go to Pembroke Social Agencies.

WEDNESDAY MID-MONTH DAYTIME WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us for Holy Worship with Communion Service on **Wednesday, March 20th at 10:30 am**.

EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

Please join us this **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm** for our Lenten Service.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Please join us **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00 pm** for our Senior Exercise Class.

COUNCIL MEETING

The council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 pm**.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP

Pulse Youth group will be having a Pizza Party and Survivor Challenge Night on **Friday March 22nd at 6:30 pm**. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. Bring a friend!

COFFEE HOUR AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

We are so pleased to see the increase in members staying for our coffee hour. What a great time to catch up with friends and family. Our cupboards are now bare, and we are asking for donations of bought sweets or sweets made in your own home. We are well stocked on coffee and tea thanks to your generous donations. We have a great team of volunteers ready to prepare, serve, and clean up after coffee hour and I would like to thank them for making this time together possible. Looking forward to seeing you for coffee after the worship service. *Susan Dupuis*

FOOD BANK

Looking for small plastic bottles e.g.: ensure bottles, yogurt drink bottles, etc., used to fill with detergent, dishwashing liquid, body wash, etc. for the food bank. No glass bottles, please. Also, any plastic bags, ones from the flyers, grocery bags, or any other clean plastic bags. Thank you for everyone helping me to help others. Any questions don't be afraid to ask me. *Debbie Sitkiewicz*

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers are welcome. Please mark your envelope as such.

MARCH MADNESS MONTH

Thank you to all who donated Feminine Supplies during the month of February. The response was amazing! We received 383 pads, 32 tampons, 8 deodorants, 8 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste, 2 large bottles of shampoo, 19 scarves, and one winter bundle. These will be passed along to those who need them most at the food bank and Carefor. Your generosity abounds! During March we are in search of protein products: peanut butter, beans, canned fish and meat, protein powder, and bars, etc... Protein is important in our diet as it is one of the building blocks for our muscles, for healing and for feeling fuller longer.

FROM THE ORGAN RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Easter Sunday is the last time that we will hear the organ as Casavant workers will be arriving on April 2nd to begin dismantling the instrument to prepare for the final upgrade. This final restoration will take approximately five months from start to finish. In that time we need to raise \$15,400.27 to be able to pay Casavant in full on completion of their work. You will be able to see the progression of the fundraising with pipes on the wall leading into the parish hall. There will also be a fundraising event in May with details to be announced within the next couple of weeks. We appreciate all donations to this cause but please make sure that you are meeting the needs of the church first.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, until March 20th.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS

6:00 pm Wednesdays until February 27th. If you would like to donate food on any of these occasions, please see the signup sheets outside of the kitchen door. Freewill offerings collected will go to Pembroke Social Agencies.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES:

Palm Sunday: March 24th, 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday: March 28th, 7:00 pm

Good Friday: March 29th, 10:00 am

Easter Sunday: March 31st, 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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