

Full Service Bulletin

HOLY COMMUNION MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" is coming: a covenant that will enable all people to know the Lord and follow God's law, which I will put in their minds and write on their hearts." This promise is fulfilled in Christ, Who draws all people to Himself when He is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and shines God's light and truth into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within us. Christ's Spirit strengthens us in lives of fruitful service to those who hunger and thirst for life.



COMMEMORATION

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland (c. 390–461) At sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He himself admitted that up to this point he cared little for God. He escaped after six years, returned to his family in southwest Britain, and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary. He made his base in the north of Ireland and from there made many missionary journeys with much success.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)* "This Day God Gives Me" *(St. Patrick, adapted by James D Quinn)*

BUNESSAN



1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One, King of cre -

1. shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
2. hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
3. fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
4. a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three-ness of

1. swift - ness, Deeps of the o - cean, Firm-ness of earth.
2. lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.
3. al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
4. Per - sons, One-ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Gracious God, **C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve You in newness of life. AMEN.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **C: AMEN.**

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The immeasurable grace of Jesus Christ, the rich mercy of God,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

KYRIE *(WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings bold)*

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your reign of love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 119:9-24

(congregation reads indented)

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to Your word.

I seek You with all my heart;

do not let me stray from Your commands.

I have hidden Your word in my heart

that I might not sin against You.

Praise be to You, O LORD;

teach me Your decrees.

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from Your mouth.

I rejoice in following Your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on Your precepts

and consider Your ways.

I delight in Your decrees;

I will not neglect Your word.

Do good to Your servant, and I will live;

I will obey Your word.

Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in Your law.

I am a stranger on earth;

do not hide Your commands from me.

My soul is consumed with longing

for Your laws at all times.

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed

and who stray from Your commands.

Remove from me scorn and contempt,

for I keep Your statutes.

Though rulers sit together and slander me,

Your servant will meditate on Your decrees.

Your statutes are my delight;

they are my counselors.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGJeremiah 31:31-34.....Pg. 1227

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READINGHebrews 5:5-14.....Pg. 1867

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" (RW # 126 - Paul Baloche)

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

see you. To see you high and lift - ed up,

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry;

pour out your pow'r and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly." - ly."

O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, first and second endings, and repeat signs.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 12:20-36.....Pg. 1671

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children go to Children's Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

"The Role of the Law in the Life of Believers: Part III"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Cleanse Me" (Maj # 473 - favorite)

J. EDWIN ORR

Traditional Maori melody

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; Try me, O
2. I praise Thee, Lord, for cleans - ing me from sin; Ful - fill Thy
3. Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly Thine; Fill my poor
4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, re - viv - al comes from Thee; Send a re-

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick - ed
Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
heart with Thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas - sion
viv - al - start the work in me. Thy Word de - clares Thou wilt sup -

way in me; Cleanse me from ev - ery sin and set me free.
burned with shame; Grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy Thy name.
self and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord - in me a - bide.
ply our need; For bless - ings now, O Lord, I hum - bly plead.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:*

L: What is The Seventh Commandment?

C: “You shall not steal.” (*Exodus 20:15*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither take our neighbor’s money or property, nor acquire it by fraud or by selling him poorly made products, but will help him improve and protect his property and career.

L: What is The Eighth Commandment?

C: “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” (*Exodus 20:16*)

L: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not deceive by lying, betraying, slandering or ruining our neighbor’s reputation, but will defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(*Response:* L: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please rise.*)

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God Whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

“Worthy the Lamb” (Maj #242 - Gloria & William J. Gaither)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Worthy the Lamb" in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy the Lamb that was slain. Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy the Lamb that was slain." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and triplets. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

Remembering, therefore, His preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is presented in five systems. Each system consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system begins with a square symbol in a circle. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.' The second system repeats the first line of lyrics. The third system repeats the second line of lyrics. The fourth system repeats the first line of lyrics. The fifth system repeats the second line of lyrics.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *(sung while others are receiving.)*

"What Feast of Love" (ELW # 487)



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what ho-ly drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

CANTICLE *(Please rise when all have returned to their seats.)*

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" (ELW # 206 - Jeremy Young)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.



Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of Jesus Christ, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN “*Christ, The Life*” (ELW # 339)

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cationale*, Darmstadt, 1687

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30- / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30- / 10:45-Marianne Sands

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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