



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

10 A.M. Worship

*Celebrating the Risen Christ through Acts of Love, Care and Justice*

### THEME OF THE DAY (YEAR A)

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

#### PRELUDE

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Benjamin M. Culli

#### TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water  
Christ offers: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope  
in the world: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

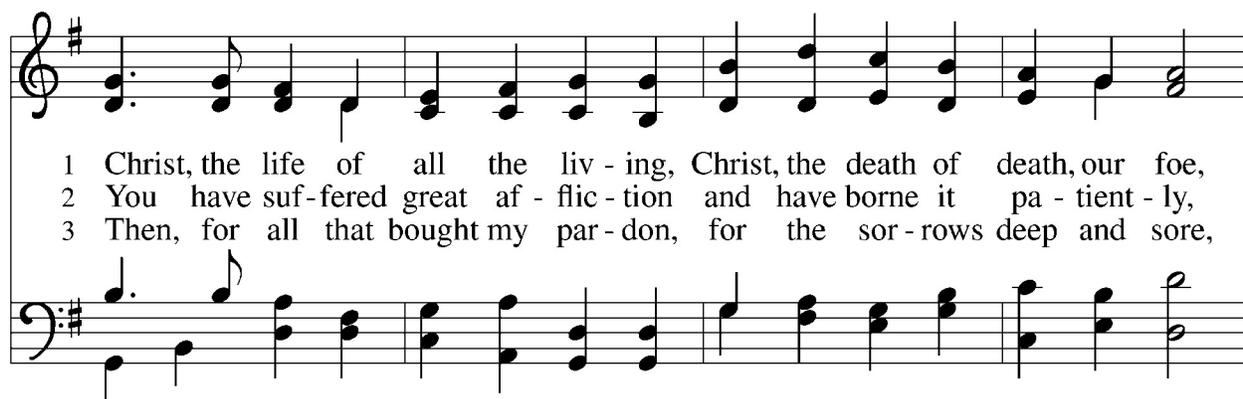
For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come  
forth to life: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your  
sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.  
**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**Christ, the Life of All the Living**

**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 Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,  
**and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WORD

## FIRST READING

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 226

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as

mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

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

<sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
 “Sleeper, awake!  
 Rise from the dead,  
 and Christ will shine on you.”

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(ALL sing)*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 9:  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[The reading is omitted for space. You may follow in your pew bible beginning on pg. 871.]

The Gospel of Our Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, You Search Me



1 O God, you search me and you know me.  
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.  
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,  
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.  
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,  
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.  
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.  
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:  
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:  
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:  
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:  
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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## **PROFESSION OF FAITH—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 THE PEOPLE**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(after each petition) Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with one another.*

# M E A L

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

(New Spirit)

*Let My Spirit Always Sing*

Shirley Erena Murray  
Jane Marshall

Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering,  
though the season of despair give no sign that you are there,  
God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.

Though my body be confined let your word engage my mind,  
let the inner eye discern how much more there is to learn,  
see a world becoming whole through the window of the soul.

Let your wisdom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears,  
give me wit to welcome change, to accept, and not estrange,  
let my joy be full and deep in the knowledge that I keep.

Let my spirit always sing, to your Spirit answering,  
through the silence, through the pain know my hope is not in vain,  
like a feather on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

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## SETTING THE TABLE

## Surely God Is My Salvation

3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,  
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the  
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.

*Refrain*  
Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!  
Sing ho-san - na!  
Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!  
Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!  
Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

Text: Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979, based on Isaiah 12:2-6  
Music: YISREAL V'ORAITA, Hasidic melody  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
**your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

*“It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn :*

## SANCTUS

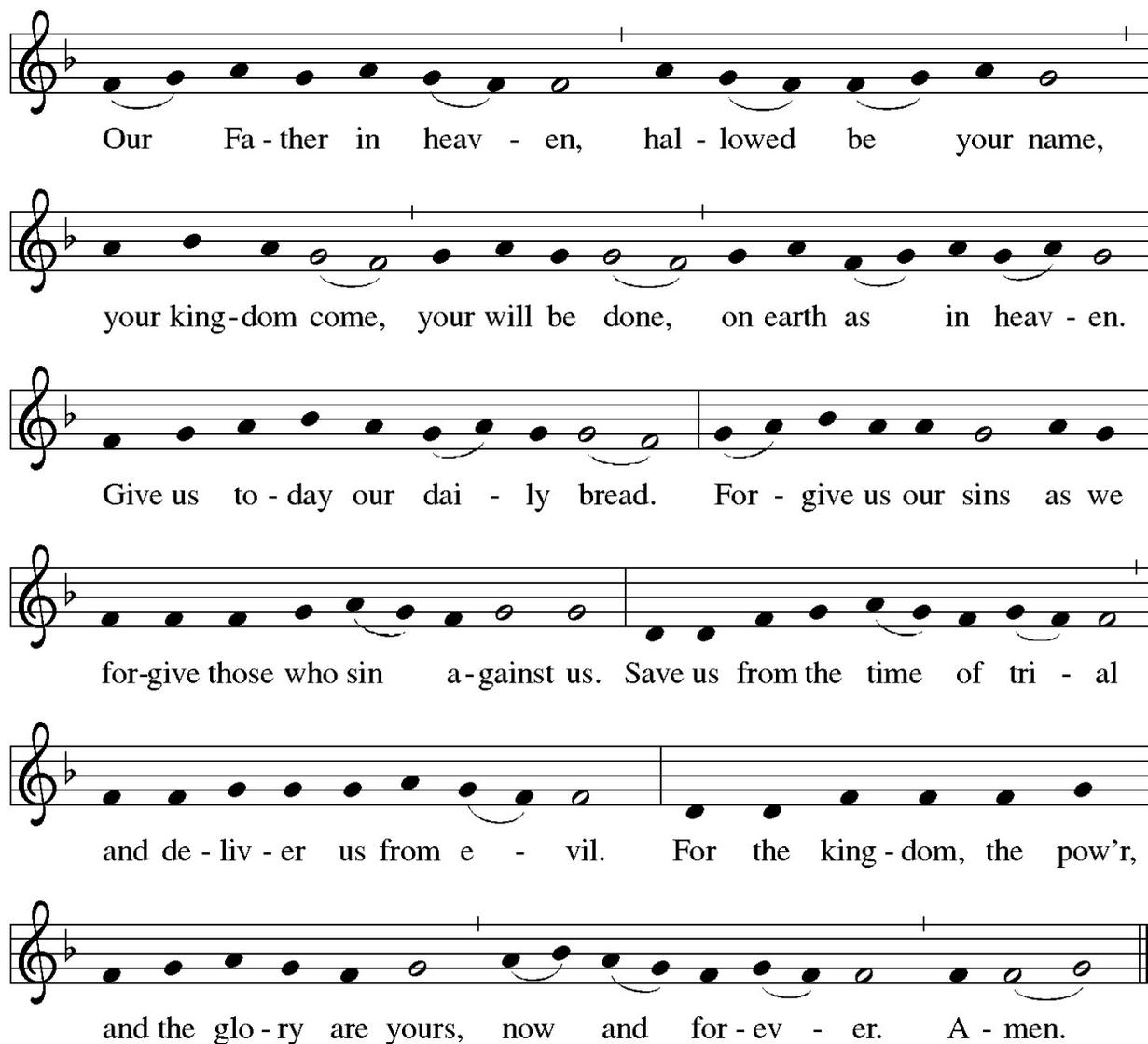
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## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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

## Anointing Fall on Me

Anointing fall on me  
Anointing fall on me  
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me  
Anointing fall on me

Donn Thomas

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## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...God of our salvation,  
**we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

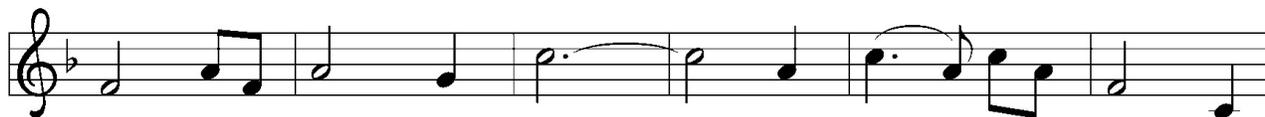
# **SENDING**

## **BENEDICTION**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

Wilbur Held



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