



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship with Holy Communion
March 27, 2022



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us—in person and via Zoom—and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

Communion - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

GATHERING

Prelude

Stand

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.

True Colors

By Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

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Gathering Song of Praise

Glory to God

Assisting minister

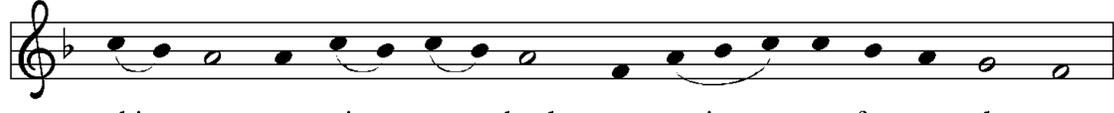


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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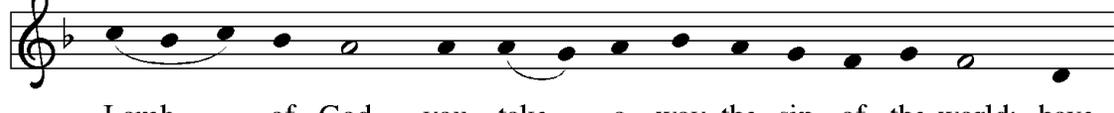
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



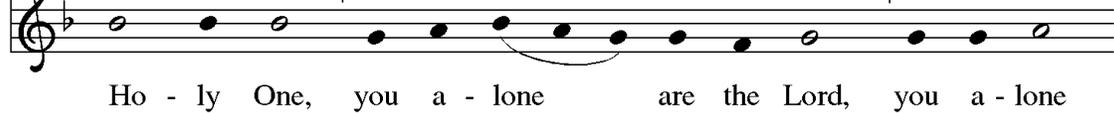
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



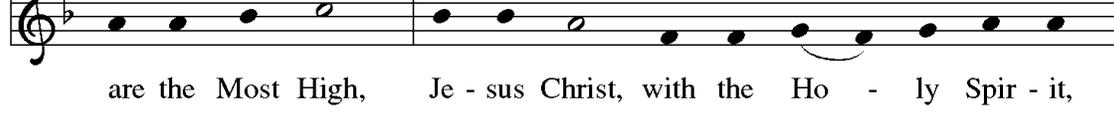
mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



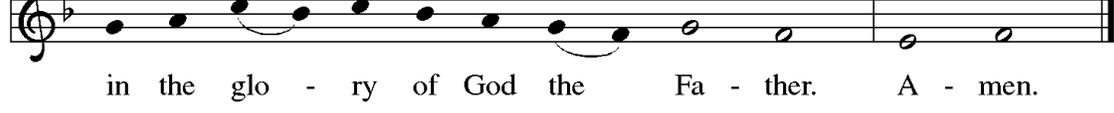
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Confession

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated



WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God..

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Stand

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Text: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Leon LaCross

Stand

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer is: Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace – Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person

Be seated

COMMUNION MEAL

For those worshiping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.

Offering

You may use one of our options for giving online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171. Additionally, you may donate by mail or, if worshiping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

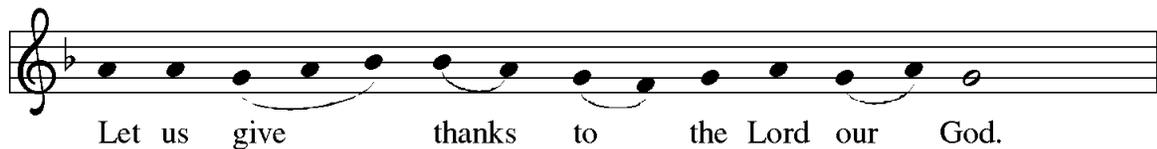
Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Pastor will guide you when to take the bread and cup to eat and drink.



The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.

Holy God *Trisagion*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,". The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." The music is in a minor key with a common time signature. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Sharing the Bread and Cup – Usher will signal you to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

Solace
By Enya

SENDING

Announcements

Stand

Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

Be seated

Sending Song

Here I am Lord – Traditional Hymn

The Sending

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – March 27	Next week – April 3
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	David Tafone	David Tafone
Zoom Host	Joann Knoll	Volunteer needed!

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Please Pray

Pray that we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Keep all refugees and displaced persons safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving.

Pray for peace and justice and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church:

Pray for Bethel leaders, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director David Tafone, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, and the 2022 Church Council members.

Pray for our children, that they be safe in school and find joy in learning. Pray that Bethel supports our children and their families in religious education and spiritual formation.

Pray for those who are ill:

- Neil Marshall (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- Faith Moser (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home
- JulieAnn Edman, spouse Marlo, request prayers for stamina, healing, safe travel, and peace of mind.
- David Gyles and improved lung health
- Leo Lawrence as he continues treatment for cancer
- Shirley Kolpin and family as Shirley recovers from hip surgery and faces life's challenges with humor, stubbornness, and joy
- John Knight and family as John continues in memory care

Pray for the family and friends of those we have recently lost to death:

- Aurora Stignani (infant daughter of Marissa and Kyle Stignani, granddaughter of Brenda, and great-grand-niece of Marlo and JulieAnn Edman)
- Katie Reitel (friend of the Bentley and Siems families) who died in hospice care
- Carolyn Beck (spouse of Jim)
- Margie Fletcher (spouse of Michael and mother of Micah and Mitchell)

- Dorothea Leslie (grandma of Pastor Leon)

Pray for Cedar, nephew of P.J. & Dorian Bentley, that he receives caring and effective mental health treatment during a very difficult time for him and his family.

Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish, especially Diane Marx and Cheyenne and Kent Marx.

A friend of Pastor Leon asks us to pray for healing from racialized trauma that has been experienced at the hands of the Lutheran denomination.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Marlo, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.

We give thanks to **Mary Rix** for donating the Pascal Candle for our Easter Celebration.

The candle is called "Pax Vobiscum" Peace Be With You, designed by Paul Turner. His description is as follows:

Into your darkened church a new paschal candle shines the first light.

Into the darkness of doubt the newly risen Christ shone the light of faith: "Peace be with you."

The name of this candle repeats the first words that Jesus spoke after the resurrection.

An olive branch, symbol of peace, covers a cross to announce good news.

Geometric designs above and below the cross define the border

that this Light alone can break.

