



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship with Holy Communion
April 3, 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

The Crucifixion

By Samuel Barber

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.

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.


All



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:

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Scripture Reading

¹⁶Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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 John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Be Seated

Children's Time

Sermon

Stand



Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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

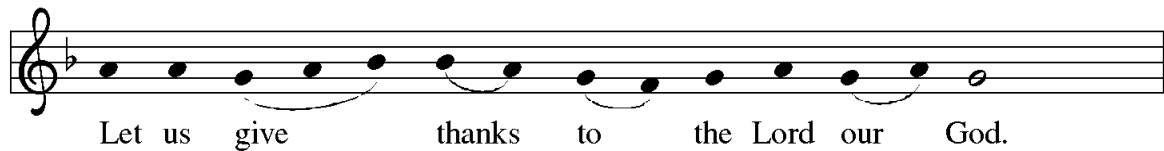
Let us pray.

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 and features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

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

A Legend
By Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended
Traditional Hymn

The Sending

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – April 3	Next week – April 10
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)

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 as well as the Stignani Family.

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 Paschal 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.

Note from Lisa Siems & Joann Noll: Conversation on Adding the Food Ministry

Hello Bethel,

We have decided to start the conversation around restarting our food ministries at Bethel and want to assure that all voices are heard.

Let's have a discussion on best practices and lessons learned from the past programs to consider the future of this program.

We'd love your input, ideas and enthusiasm as Bethel plans the year ahead!

Please join us on Tuesday April 5th at 6:30PM on the church zoom link (Web:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88691129098?pwd=MmRDSUhSZGxLeWxvWVpUa2ppWUVrUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 9112 9098 Password: 467038