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**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

O World I Now Must Leave Thee

Gordon Walther

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven,  
and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### The Word of God is Source and Seed



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

#### *Refrain*



*Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,*  
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



*gau - de - a - mus Do* - *mi - no!*  
in the Lord let us re - joice!

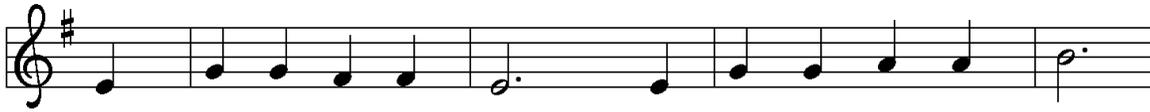
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## GREETING

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.**

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

## CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong  
I am weak, but he is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me (x3)  
The Bible tells me so.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

## FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The reading is from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It 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. But 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. No 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.

God has been revealed to us in the word.

**Let us wait here and dwell in it.**

## PSALM

Psalms 51: 1-12

The reading is from the book of Psalms.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

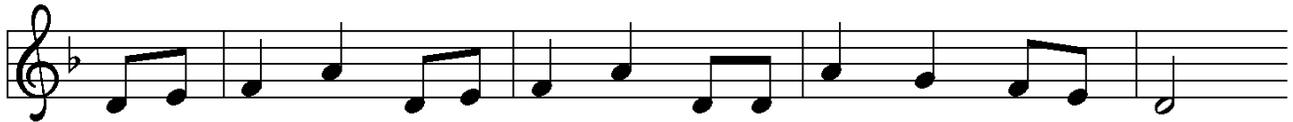
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

God has been revealed to us in the word.  
**Let us wait here and dwell in it.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 12: 20-33

The Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“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. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong



**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
Healer of Our Every Ill

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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## **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**

### **Prayer Response**

Hear us, O God

**Your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

<b>MEAL</b>
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It Is Well With My Soul

Kathleen Briscoe  
music by: Philip P. Bliss, lyrics by Horatio G. Spafford  
arr. Randa Kirshbaum

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrow like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot You have taught me to say  
It is well it is well with my soul

But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait  
The sky not the grave is our goal  
Oh trump of the angel oh voice of the Lord  
Blessed hope blessed rest of my soul

It is well with my soul  
It is well it is well with my soul

You are the Rock on which I stand  
By Your grace it is well  
My hope is sure in Christ my Saviour  
It is well with my soul

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Faithful God,  
you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.  
Accompany us in this meal,  
that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. We invite you to share in your homes the sacrament of the Lord's table.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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."

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION**

Give to one another the bread, "Body of Christ given for you."  
Give to one another the wine, "Blood of Christ shed for you."

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

arr. Valerie Al Floeter

## **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you always in God's grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER**

God of steadfast love,  
at this table you gather together your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in  
the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

<b>SENDING</b>
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**BENEDICTION**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN

Proclaim

## Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

*Refrain - All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 - ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Joined together in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Recessional

Gordon Young

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