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Prelude

Welcome

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.*

Amen.

*Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.*

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

*God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.*

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

- 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us
steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.

LENTEN REFLECTION

AMAZING GRACE/MY CHAINS ARE GONE

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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PSALM 32

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!*

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

*While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.*

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

*You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRELUDE TO THE SCRIPTURE: *The First Song of Isaiah* (sing 2x's)

Surely it is God who saves me
I will trust in Him and not be afraid
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.

READING: GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her

husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

SERMON

Pastor Kim Suhr

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

(ELW 319)

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.

3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 104

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Change My Heart Oh God (Sing twice)

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

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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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING (after each petition) ELW 752

...Lord listen to Your children praying
...Lord send Your Spirit in this place
...Lord listen to Your children praying
...Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

PEACE

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

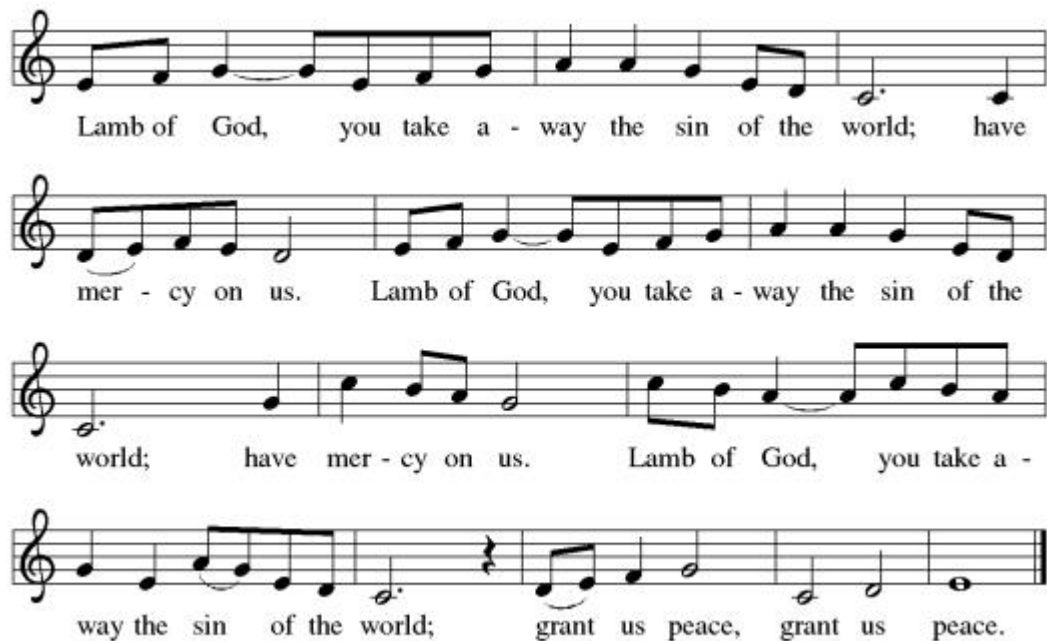
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146



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 BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

I want Jesus to walk with me

ELW p. 325 all verses

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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