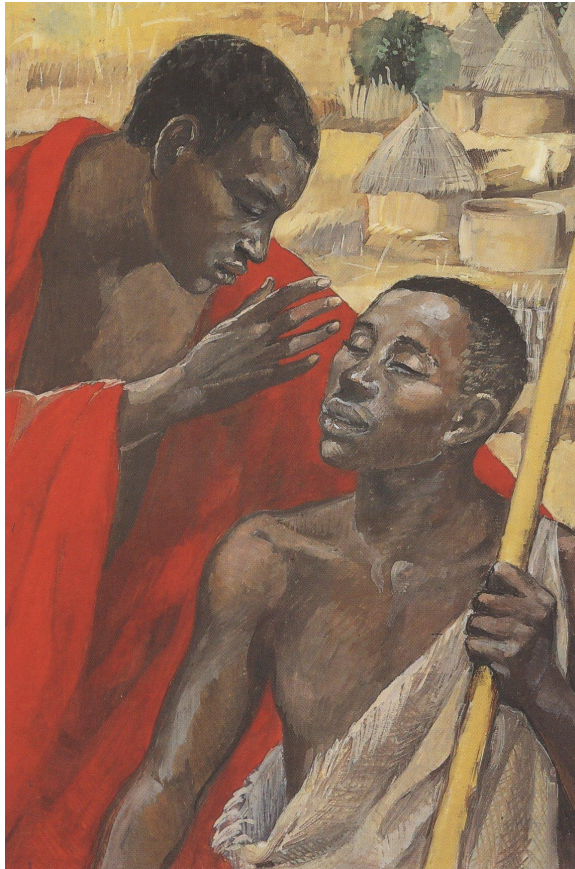


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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share their contact information with the usher, if they would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

Offering: The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

Holy Communion: We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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WORDS FOR REFLECTION

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

Moderato

Gabriel Voigtländer

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C 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 your creation rather than stewarding this gift; 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness **ELW 843**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader

Cong.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have

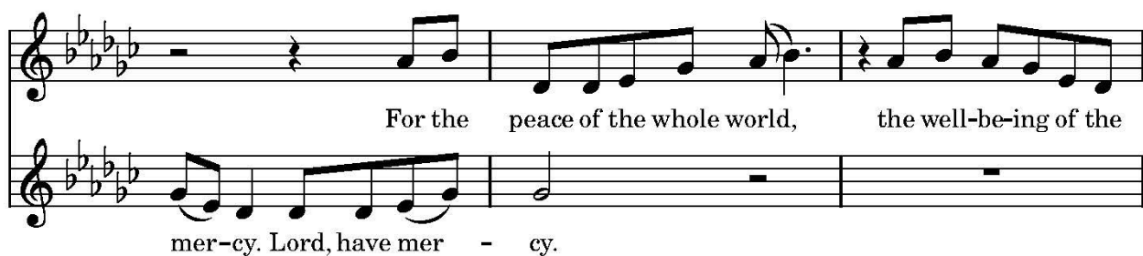
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va - tion,

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

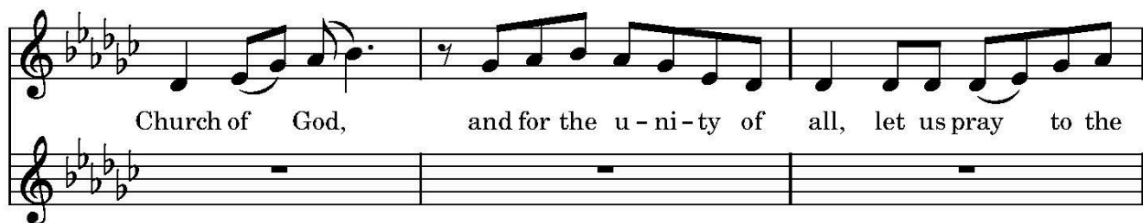
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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

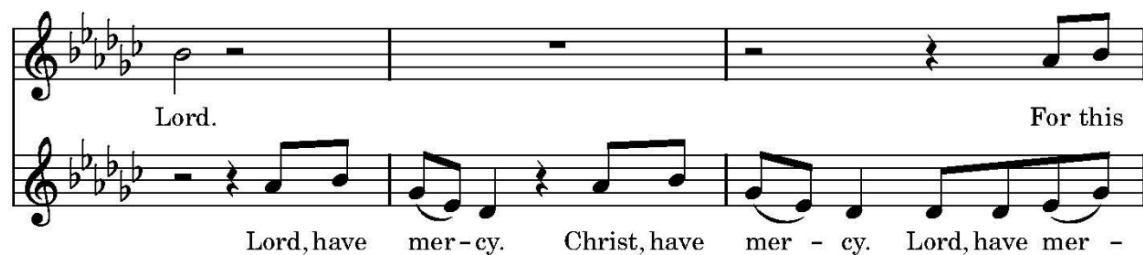




For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the
mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For this
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -



ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here
cy.



their wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have

Help, save, com-fort, and de -

mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A-men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord Christ,

C **Bend your ear to our prayers 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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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.

A A reading from 1st Samuel.

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." 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.' 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." 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?" 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.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." 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." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 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.” 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.” 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.

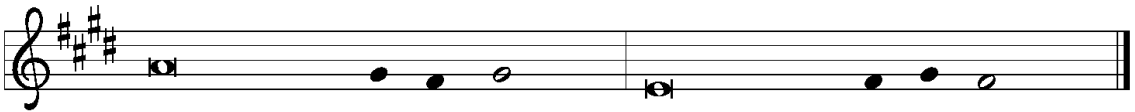
A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 23

The Psalm will be sung responsively, by verse.



- 1 The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
- 2 **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- 3 You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for | your name’s sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
| fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.

A A reading from Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but

everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man

called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Judeans did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who

you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Judeans; for they had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing

thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

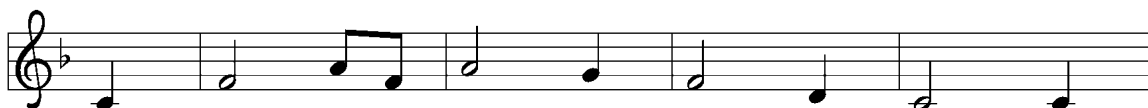
CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

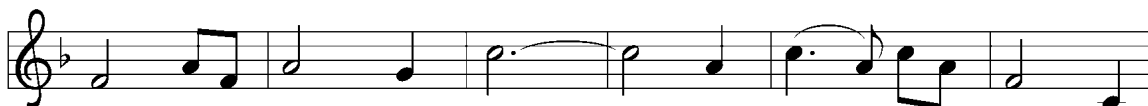
Silence for reflection follows. All stand and sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ELW 779



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

APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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 CHURCH

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people, including all who nurtured us. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty in the diversity of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud, and all the creatures who share this home. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all, including our trans siblings who are currently being targeted in so many states in our nation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve, including Joan, Linda, Mark, Mike, John, Tim, Karen, and Ken. *(Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.)* We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Ministers and People share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.

P Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

My Shepherd Is Lord

Harrison Oxley



What shall I ren - der, what shall I ren - der to the Lord

for all God's ben-e-fits to me, for all God's ben - e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac - ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call

on the name, the name of the Lord. I will

take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will

pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all God's peo -

- ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the courts of the Lord's

house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem, Je-ru-sa - lem.

A Let us pray. God of good gifts,

C **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of
 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) Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. (in the high - est.)

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.”*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and drink. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

C 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.

Please be seated.

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C We come to receive strength for the journey.

You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.

Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have
add optional harmony
 mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
add optional descant
 sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Anointing Fall on Me ACS 1013

Stand, if you are able.

A - noint - ing fall on me.
 A - noint - ing fall on me.



Text and music: Donn Thomas, b. 1949; arr. Evelyn Simpson– Curenton, b. 1953 Text and music
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Embodied God,

C **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the
eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to recognize the
needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you've pre -



pared in the sight of all peo-ples: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir-it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for-ev - er. A - men.

For-ev - er. A - men.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BENEDICTION

P God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

All stand, as able, and sing.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on NETTLETON

Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

J. Wyeth
 arr. Fred Bock



Next Week's Lessons:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Serving in Worship		
	Today, Mar. 19	Next Week, Mar. 26
Altar Guild	Sandy Carlson	Sandy Carlson
Counter	Sandy Carlson	Howard Corneilson
Assistant Minister	Mary Kasakove	Doug Laird
Lector	Sheeba David	Sue Stirrat
Communion Assist.	Doug Laird	Heather Nilson
Usher/Greeter/Acolyte	Cindy Pawlo	Sibylle Schroeder
Soloist	Sibylle Schroeder	TBD
Livestream Assistant	Nick Senior	Tyler Rice

OFFICE HOURS**Pastor Serena:**

Thursday, Mar 23, 10:30am-8:30pm; Sunday, Mar 26, 9:00am-1:00pm

Keep These Friends in Your Prayers: Those who are sick or in need: Emily Wager, Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Dawn Larsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Elfriede & Dick Kiesling, Jim Tangen, Elisabeth & Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Evelyn Woodruff, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Pat Scalora, Valeriy Braginet, Linda Kahler, Mark Dennis, Mike Urodzinski, John Corneilson, Tim O'Connor, Karen and Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzels, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Patrick Buinno, Harold Olsen, Neil Nilsen, Aimee Nilsen, and Joy Laird.

Those in mourning: the family of Chris VanBeveran (aunt of Pastor Serena), the family of Joey Scollins (nephew of Sandy Carlson), the family of Kenneth Johanson (uncle of Lynn Peterson), and Elise Holck and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Church office hours:** During Lent, Pastor Serena will generally hold office hours on Thursdays and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

~ **Food Pantry Needs for March:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

~ **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Kev Schneider with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

~ **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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This week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, March 19:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Confirmation Class - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 20:

- Children's Church, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

Tuesday, March 21:

Wednesday, March 22:

- Long-term planning meeting, 7:00pm Zoom

Thursday, March 23:

- Soup Supper, 6:30pm
- Mid-week Lenten Service: Spirituality through Scent, 7:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45pm

Friday, March 24:

Saturday, March 25:

Next week at Abiding Peace

Sunday, March 26:

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Online Worshippers Fellowship Time - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 27:

- Children's Church, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

Tuesday, March 28:

- Newsletter submissions due.

Wednesday, March 29:

- Worship & Music Committee meeting, 11:30am via Zoom.

Thursday, March 30:

- Soup Supper, 6:30pm
- Mid-week Lenten Service, 7:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:45pm

Friday, March 31:

Saturday, April 1:

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Services @ 7:30pm: Maundy Thursday April 6, Good Friday, April 7,

Easter Vigil, April 8; Seder meal @ 6:30pm on April 6

Easter Services: Easter Sunrise, 6:30am, Easter Morning Worship, 10:00am

Faith, Hope, & Love Event, April 22, 9:00am-3:30pm (registration deadline April 15)

For all live-streamed services, click (or type) the link below:

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