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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

We welcome all visitors this morning to our service of Word and Sacrament. ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.\

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

9:00am

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

GATHERING HYMN CP 296 "LORD, WHO THROUGHTOUT THESE FORTY DAYS" VS. 1 - 3, & 5



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa-tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry win,
3. As you did hun-ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas - sion - tide,
5. A - bid with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is past,



1. Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. To die to self, and al-ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
5. An Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!



PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

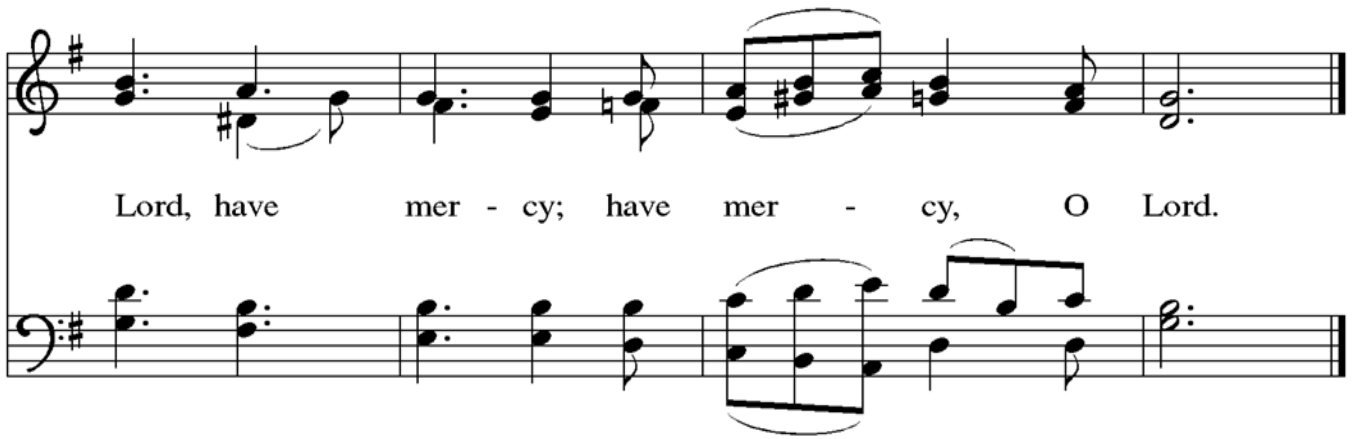
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
Have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in new newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

KYRIE FROM MASS NO. 1 GILLESPIE

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.



PASTORAL GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P

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.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Congregation is seated.]

The Word

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he

went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

8b “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 814 “TAKE, OH, TAKE ME AS I AM”

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the Gospel Acclamation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;".



GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 4st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: PASTOR KIM

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (by Handt Hanson, No. 1)

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in God – the Creator of all things – the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin – that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work inside of us.

We believe in the church of God – His people of faith throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

**Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

**Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

**Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness.

Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Meal

OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY SONG *“ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE”*

BY DAN FORREST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,..
We praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE]

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

on the night before he died...
 Again, after supper ...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover
 from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones If 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **Grant us peace.**

COMMUNION SONG: ELW 787 "ON EAGLE'S WINGS"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

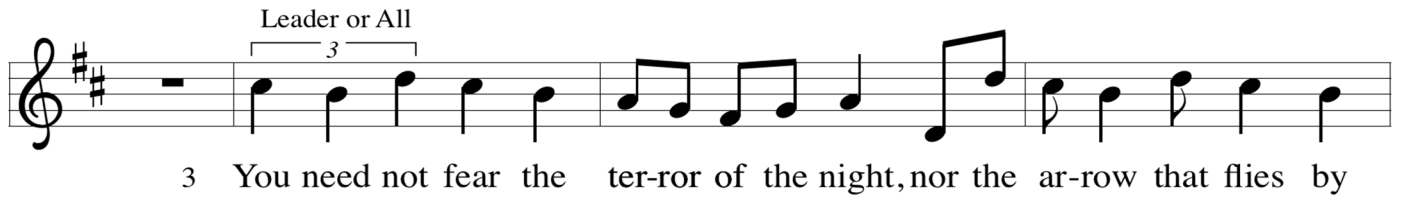


2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

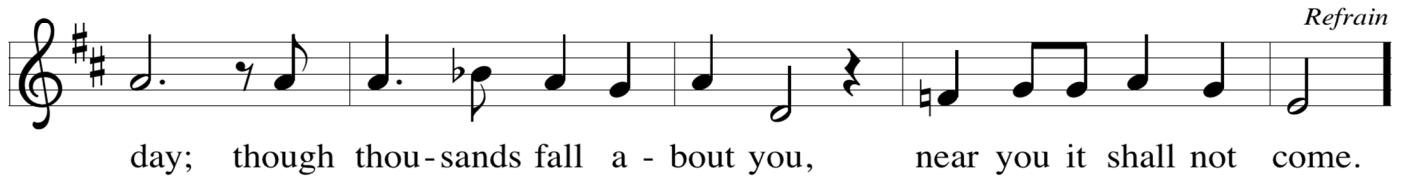


fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

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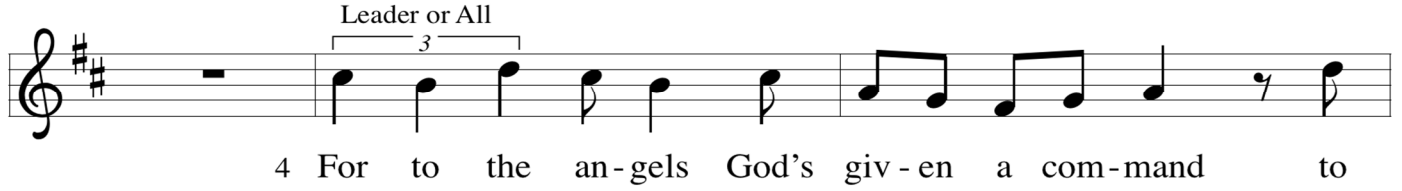


3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

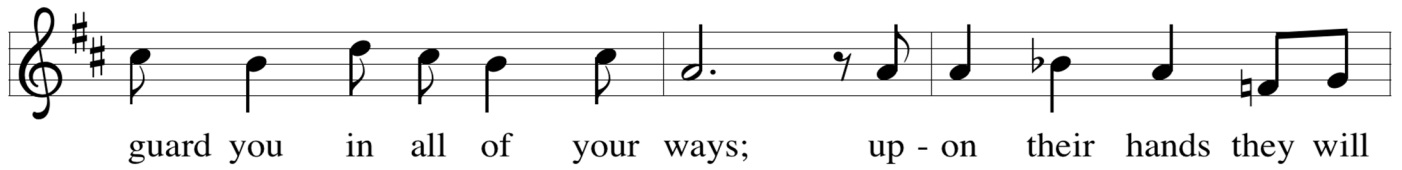


day; thou- sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

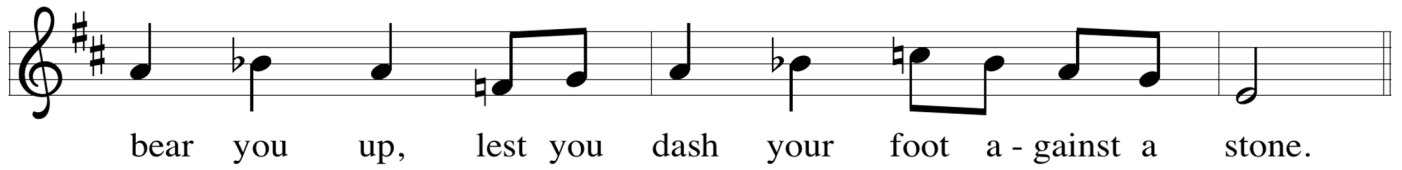
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4 For to the an- gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

BENEDICTION

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 446 *"I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY"* (NEXT PAGE)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

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1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



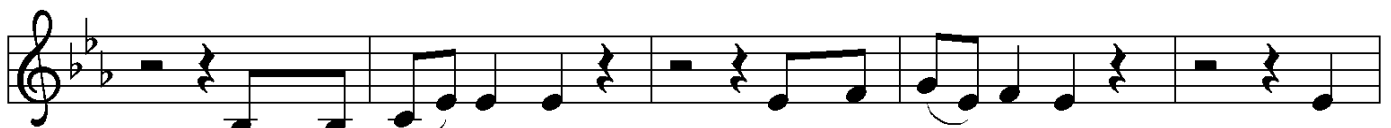
2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.