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St. John's is called into a joyful life of
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled
worship, transformational relationships,
and Gospel-driven service in the world.
St. John's is an RIC congregation.*

A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.

PRELUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME

GREETING

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

And also with you.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

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.

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

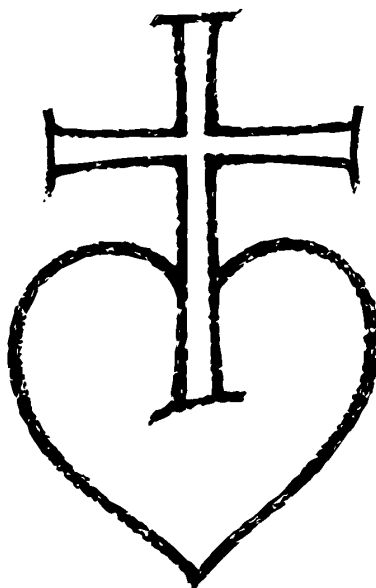
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

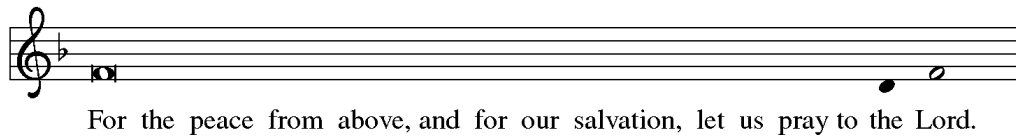
Amen.



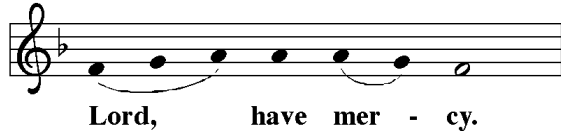
KYRIE (*ELW Setting 3*)



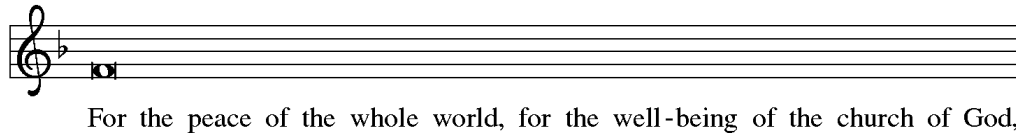
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



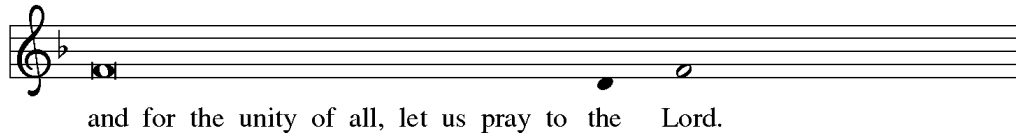
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



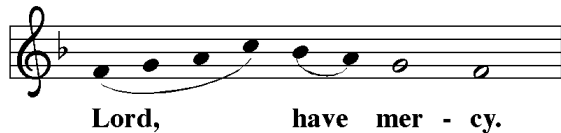
Lord, have mer - cy.



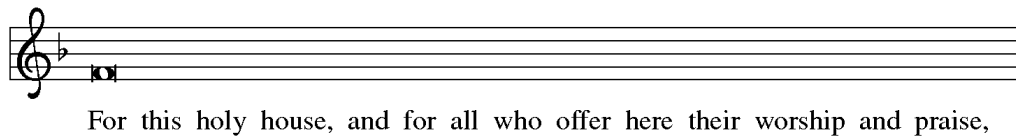
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



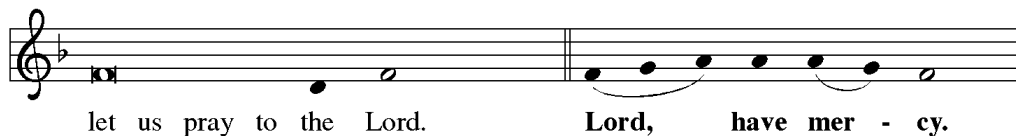
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



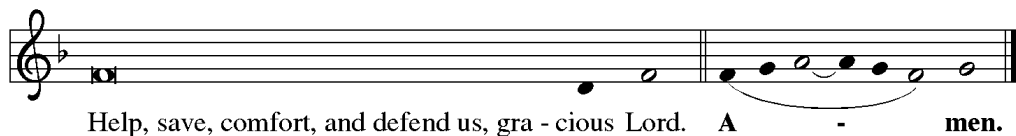
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us. Amen.

During the singing of the canticle, children of every age are invited to come forward and join Edith in the front pew for the Word of the Week. Visitors are welcome!

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *Repeat as needed*

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with chords and bass lines in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

After the Word of the Week, children may return to be with their families in the pews or go to 'Grace Space' in the back of the sanctuary while the people repeat "Lord, Listen to Your Children...."

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4

Let us read responsively the verses from Psalm 89.

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

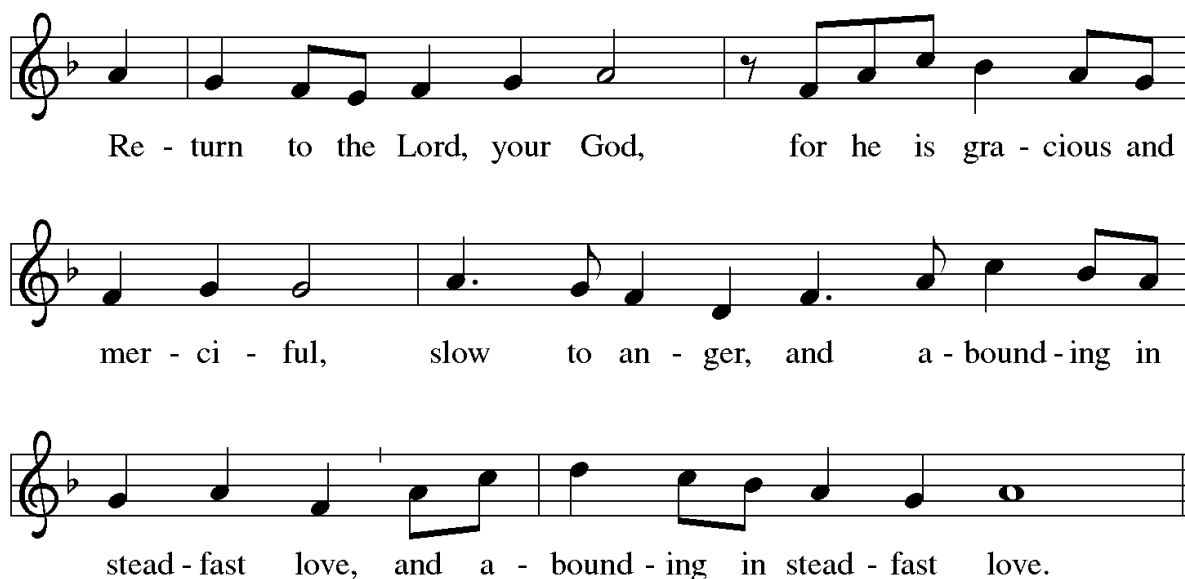
**²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

**⁴I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations."**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *(ELW Setting 3)*

Please rise as you are able during the singing of the Acclamation for the reading of the Gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-44

The holy gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

(continued)

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

vv. 1-4

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war especially in Ukraine and Gaza. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans, lakes, and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. We pray especially for Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Debra Jacobs, Sandy Rader, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Jeannie C, Michelle Dehn, Marlys Goebel, and others we name in our hearts *An intentional moment of silence* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Musical Offering

I Want Jesus To Walk with Me

(ELW 325)

St. John's Choir

A word about 'The Offering' The offering is an important part of Christian worship. In all other parts of the liturgy we receive from God forgiveness, love, peace and hope. In the offering we actively participate in God's grace by giving an offering. The Offering Cards available in the pew racks are intended to represent both your non-financial generosity and the financial contributions you may have made electronically during the week. Your offerings, offering cards, and pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates set near the sanctuary entrances.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with your holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength for the journey and our path in the wilderness.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW 336

1

Refrain

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Refrain

2

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

3

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

1 Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

2 We were baptized in Jesus,
into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise:
praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.

3 Seed that in earth is dying
rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table,
give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, b. 1929; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh, b. 1929
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

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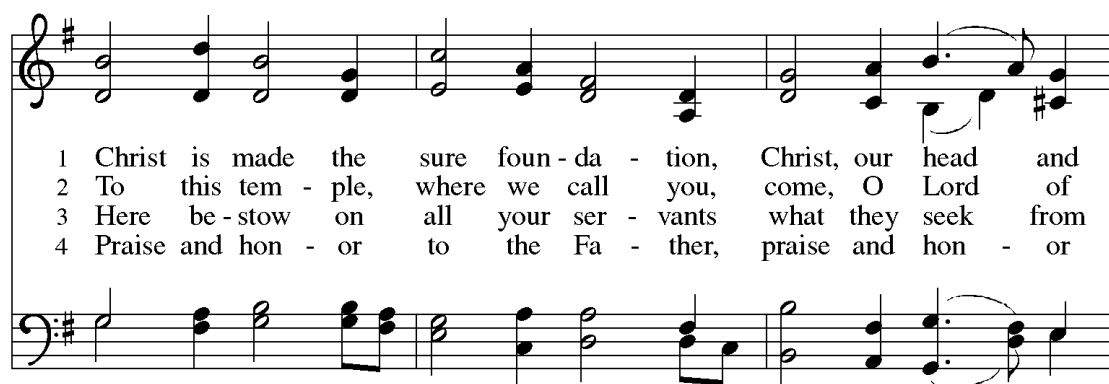
Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

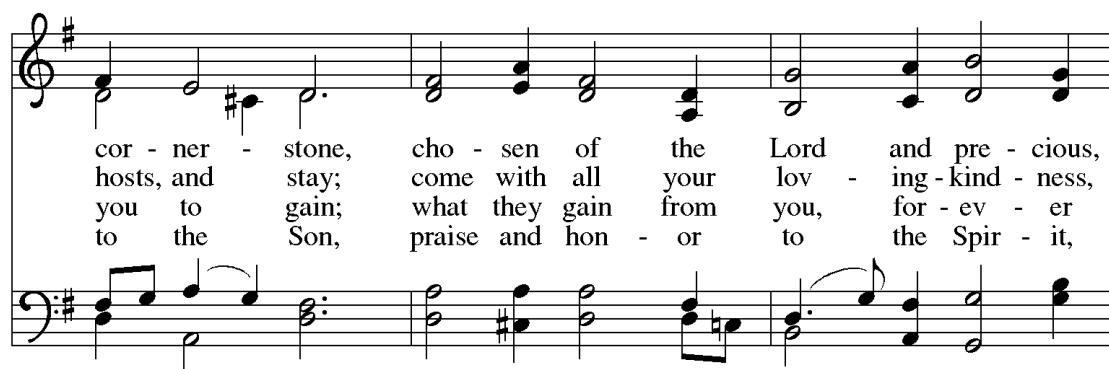
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Rachel Trelstad


Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

O God of Mercy, God of Light

vv. 1-4

1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

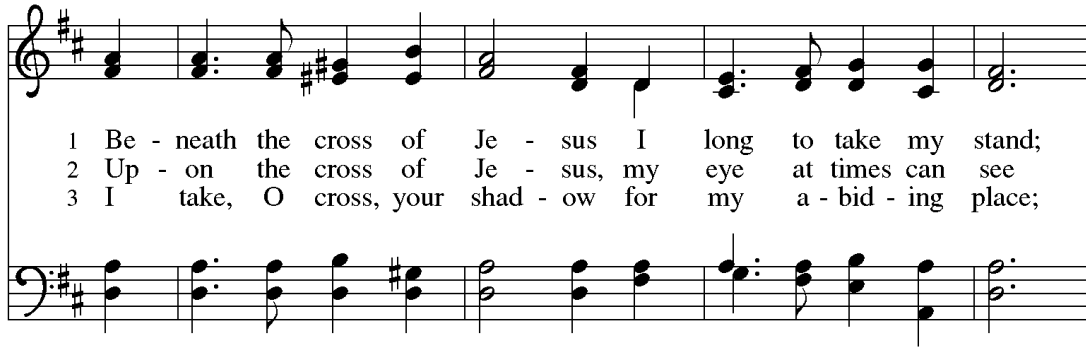
mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

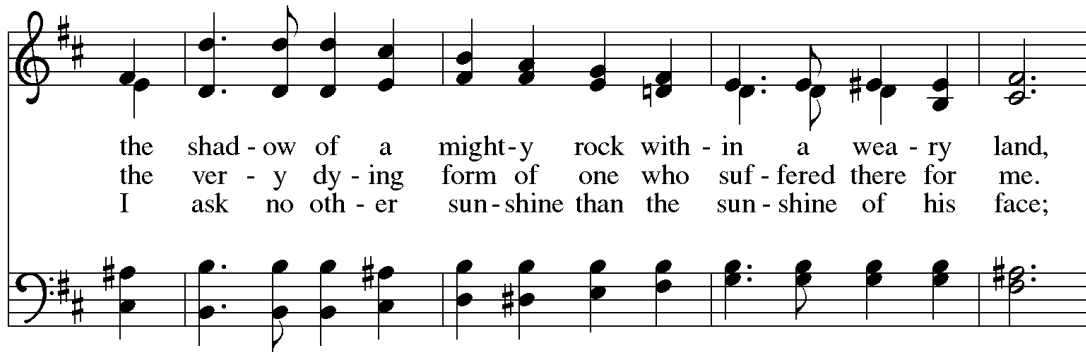
5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



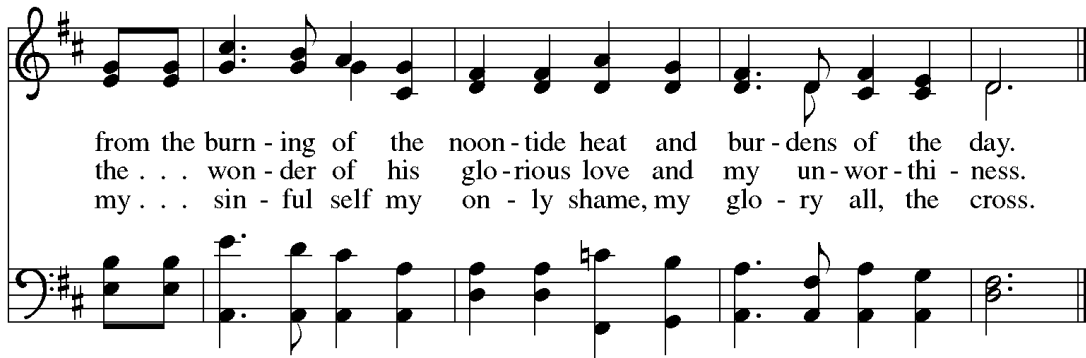
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
 - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

The Offering is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXTING** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVING** through our website or your Breeze member app,
- **MAILING** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55419, or

- **USING this QR code:**
Point phone camera at code
and tap the yellow bar.



Videos on our YouTube channel include:

- Worship services
- 'God's Work · Our Hands' recap



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St. John's 'Guest' WiFi pw: #MartinLuther

Reading for March 17 - Lent 5

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 (Psalm 102:12-17)

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Our Life Together

Today

Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship following worship—Everyone welcome!

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor) (nursery 9:30-12:30)

Worship Committee, 11:15 a.m. (Lounge)

Monday, March 11

Admin Team, 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

FPNP Team, 7 p.m. (Lounge)

Tuesday, March 12

Treat & Meet (Child Care), 7:15 a.m. (Lounge)

Lenten Book Study, 6:30 p.m. (Lounge and Zoom)

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 7 p.m. (FH)

Tangletown Environmental Committee, 7 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 13

Lenten Midweek Worship, 7 p.m.

(Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S)

Pizza Supper served from 5:30 p.m.

St. John's Choir (following worship at LCGS)

Thursday, March 14

Holy Conversations, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

ECFE (Child Care), 5:30 p.m. (FH)

Game Meet Up, 6 p.m. (Lounge)

Saturday, March 16

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 9 a.m. (FH)

Sunday, March 17 — Lent 5

Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m. in person & online,
nursery available 9:30-12:30

Fellowship & Packing of Backpacks following worship

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

Lutheranism 101 - Communion, 11:15 a.m. (Chapel)

St John's Council, 11:15 a.m. (Lounge)

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS—March 13 and 20

at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S.

Worship - 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer; meditations on Luke 19:38-40,
“The stones would shout out.”

Pizza Supper - served from 5:30 p.m. *All are welcome, free will offering*
St. John's Choir Rehearsal *in LCGS Parlor following worship*

LENTEN BOOK STUDY continues this Tuesday evening with selection #3
from *Listening for God, V. 1*: Patricia Hampl, “Chapter 6 from *Virgin Time*.”

SANCTUARY SPRUCE-UP: Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Lunch provided. The more hands, the more we can do to polish and prepare the
space in anticipation of Holy Week. If able to help, please let Deborah Dunham
(volunteer@stjohnsmpls.org) or Ann (communications@stjohnsmpls.org) know.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly