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...stand
firm in the
Lord...

Philippians 4:1, NRSV

March 17, 2019

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara & Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

All: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

L: On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

All: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

L: Come to hear. Come to learn.

All: Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

All: Amen

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God at the margins,

All: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care.

All: Like manna in the desert, God feeds us with surprising mercy.

P: Like a loving parent, God runs to meet us again this day,

All: forgiving our sins for the sake of Christ, leading us from death into life. Amen.

HYMN . . . "Thy Holy Wings" vs 1, 3

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg - Tune: Swedish folk tune - ELW #613

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

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

L: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.

All: Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: Teach us your ways and your paths.

Reader: Into whatever journey lies before us,

All: lead on, Holy Spirit; lead on.

READING . . . *Philippians 3:17--4:1*

Although Paul’s devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken.

Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our

citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

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.

L: *The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.*

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . *Luke 13:31-35*

Neither Herod’s plotting nor Jerusalem’s resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and

tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . "Let's Grow into Lent" - Carmen Blair

Please Stand



*Very truly I tell you,
unless a kernel of wheat
falls to the ground
and dies,
it remains only
a single seed.
But if it dies,
it produces
many seeds.*

John 12:24 (NIV)

HYMN . . . "Seed That in Earth Is Dying" vs. 1, 2

Text: Svein Ellingsen - Tune: Harald Herresthal - ELW #330

1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and

grain.
grave, Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:

turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here

faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Libby Denton

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty
God has given us.

**All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's
work in this congregation and the world.**

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "We Place upon Your Table, Lord" vs. 1, 3

Text: M. F. C. Wilson – Tune: W. Walker – LBW #217



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



life, the bread and wine, as sym-bols of our dai - ly
hum - bly from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er



work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.
use we of - fer up as you com - mand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.

**All: Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in
Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

L: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we
offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and
for all of creation. Compassionate God, call your people
to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled
by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts
and ministries. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Drown out the terror in the world with acts of
lovingkindness and generosity. Release political leaders
from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens.
Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial.
Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them
in the comfort of your mothering wings. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Grant solace to people who long to be parents, but have
faced difficulty in bearing or adopting children. Build
life-giving parent and child relationships for the sake of
all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or
aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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:

All: 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 wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: 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

P: Christ has prepared the feast.

All: We come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table
after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If you desire communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Text: Ray Palmer - Tune: Lowell Mason - ELW #759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community - Tune: Jacques Berthier ELW#751



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.

All: Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,

P: mending broken hearts, working for justice,

All: and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Compassionate God, you have fed us with bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

All: 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

All: Amen.



SENDING OUT “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” vs 1, 2

Text: Thomas H. Cain - Tune: *Trente quatre psaumes de David* - ELW #321

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve God.



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Midweek Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENT

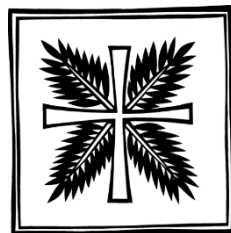
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2019

- 6:30 to 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music
- Drama: “Voices of Lent”



April 14, 2019 - PALM SUNDAY

- 8:45 & 11 AM Services
- Palm Procession (1st Service)
- 5 PM Seder Meal



April 18, 2019 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7 PM Service
- With other local Lutheran churches
- At Christ the King Lutheran Church
1301 Mowry Avenue, Fremont



April 19, 2019 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 7 PM Service
- Mary’s Reflections on the Stations of the Cross
- Taizé Music



April 21, 2019 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM 21st Cent. Trad. Service
- Easter Breakfast between Services
- 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 AM Service of Living Praise

