

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



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God loves you dearly, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Please pray for the church during our time of transition.

Please note: This service is live-streamed. When you come forward for communion you may be filmed. If you have concerns, please speak with the pastor or an usher.

***ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship= red hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.**

THE PRELUDE *Waltz in B Minor* Frederic Chopin

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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 newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.**

THE GATHERING SONG *When We Are Tested* (ACS 922)



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

THE 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.**



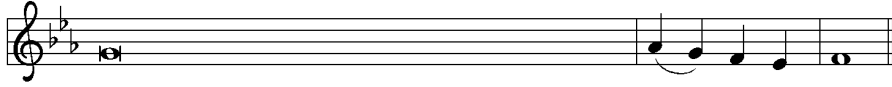
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



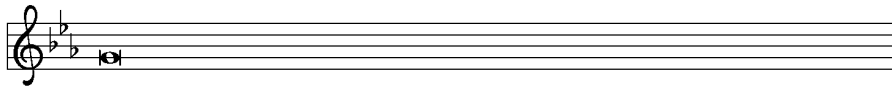
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



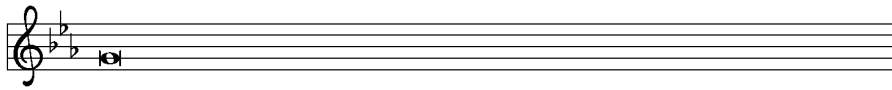
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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, a - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: Amen.

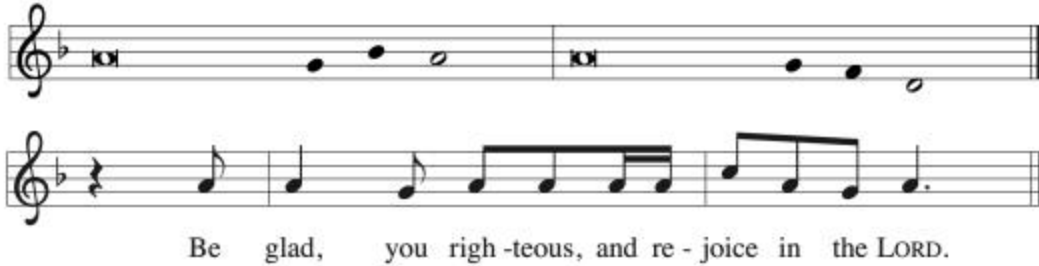
WORD

THE FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**





Psalm: Psalm 32

- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!
- ²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile! R
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.
- ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- ¹ ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the
guilt ¹ of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them. R
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.
- ⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you."
- ¹⁰Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart. R

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

THE GOSPEL: 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!

¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



THE SERMON: PASTOR BETH ORLING

Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.



THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Our Father, We Have Wandered* (ELW 606)

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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



MEAL

THE OFFERING



*Our offering – of time, talent, and money – is an expression of thanks for God’s love. We give with grateful hearts knowing that many gifts are given to us in order to pass **through** us to others. Our generosity as a faith family makes a difference – in this place, in the community, and around the world God loves so much. If you wish to give electronically, you may scan the QR code or visit our website www.go2trinity.org*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Behold Him In Dark Gethsemane

arr. Jay Althouse

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Response: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

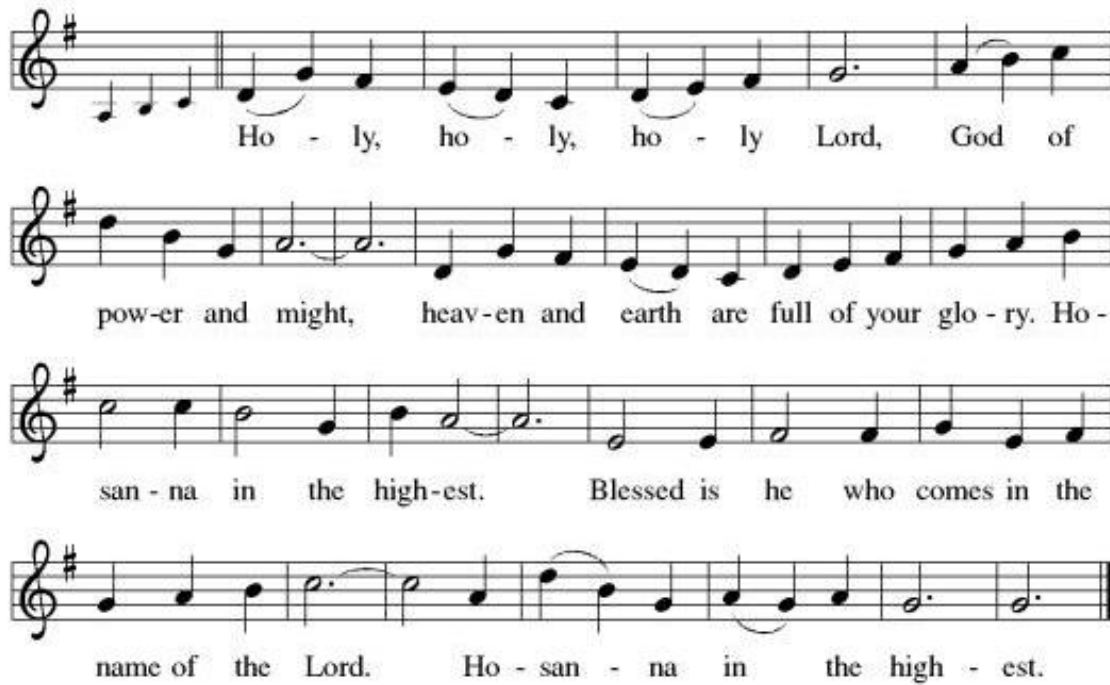
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

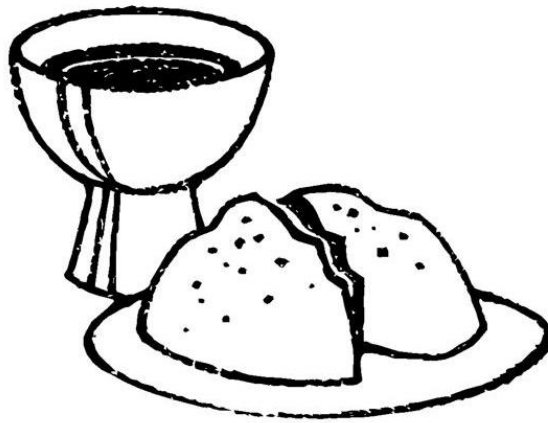
All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both red wine and white grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



COMMUNION HYMN 1

Surely God Is My Salvation (ACS 926)



1 Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion,
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is
from sal - va - tion's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.



Refrain
Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

COMMUNION HYMN 2

Oh Lord Hear My Prayer

(ELW 751)

COMMUNION HYMN 3

Ubi caritas et amor

(ELW 642)

Sung first in English, followed as long as needed in Latin.

 THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **Amen**

 THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **Amen.**

SENDING

AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING SONG *Go, My Children with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Nocturn in E Minor* Frederic Chopin

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Lent 4

11am Fireside Chat

11am Sunday School- Downstairs RM 3

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

4:30pm Holy Bookers- Fireside Room

5:30pm Holden Prayer and Soup Supper

6:30ish Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 3, 2025

7pm Theology on Tap-Mighty Pine

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Lent 5

9:30am Worship Service

11am Fireside Chat & Sunday School