

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



March 17, 2024

## WELCOME, GUESTS

Welcome to all who worship with us today. We are thankful for your presence and invite you to share in “the food which endures to eternal life.”

Please sign the visitor’s book at our Welcome Center in the narthex. If you’d like to know more about us or are considering becoming a member, please complete the form found in each pew, return it to an usher or simply put it in the collection plate. There is a cry room down the stairs off the narthex where the service can still be heard. Busy-bags, children’s bulletins and magazines and are also provided in the Narthex.

We’d like for you to learn more about us!

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation: We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and we are committed to work for racial equity.



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In support of our goal of being a caring, inclusive, Christ-centered community, we

- ❖ care for God’s creation
- ❖ promote the non-violence of Christ and care for those who suffer
- ❖ participate in the Spirit toward a global religious community

**March 17, 2024**

**+ The Fifth Sunday in Lent +**

*ELW* Setting Four

**10 AM**

*The responses of the assembly appear in **bold** type.*

*“ELW” refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the cranberry-colored book in the pew racks.*

*Standing and sitting are corporate acts of the assembly.*

*When the assembly stands, those who are able stand on behalf of those who cannot.*

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*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

## **GATHERING**

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

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*ELW* pages 94-96

*Confession and Forgiveness begins at the bottom of page 94 near the front of the cranberry book.*

**GATHERING HYMN** *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*  
*AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON*

*ELW* # 340

**GREETING** *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A new covenant written on the heart*

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

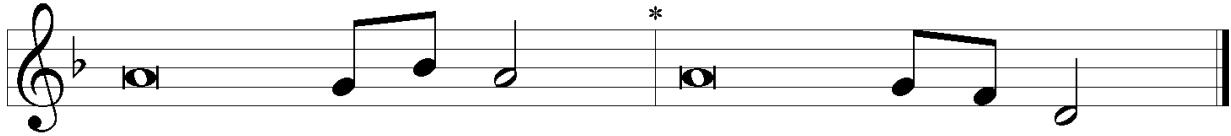
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was married to them, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Cantor* Have mercy on me, O God, according to your / steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out / my offenses.

*Assembly*      **Wash me through and through / from my wickedness  
and cleanse me / from my sin.**

*Cantor* For I know/ my offenses,  
and my sin is ev-/ er before me.

*Assembly*      **Against you only / have I sinned  
and done what is evil / in your sight.**

*Cantor*            And so you are justified/ when you speak  
                              and right/ in your judgment.

*Assembly*      **Indeed, I was born/ steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my / mother's womb.**

*Cantor*      Indeed, you delight in truth / deep within me,  
                and would have me know wisdom / deep within.

*Assembly*      **Remove my sins with hyssop and I/ shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur-/ er than snow.**

*Cantor*      Let me hear / joy and gladness;  
                that the body you have broken / may rejoice.

*Assembly*      **Hide your face / from my sins,  
and blot out / all my wickedness.**

*Cantor* Create in me a clean / heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir-/ it within me.

*Assembly*      **Cast me not away / from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir-/ it from me.**

*All*      **Restore to me the joy of / your salvation,  
and sustain me with your boun- / tiful Spirit.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

*Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

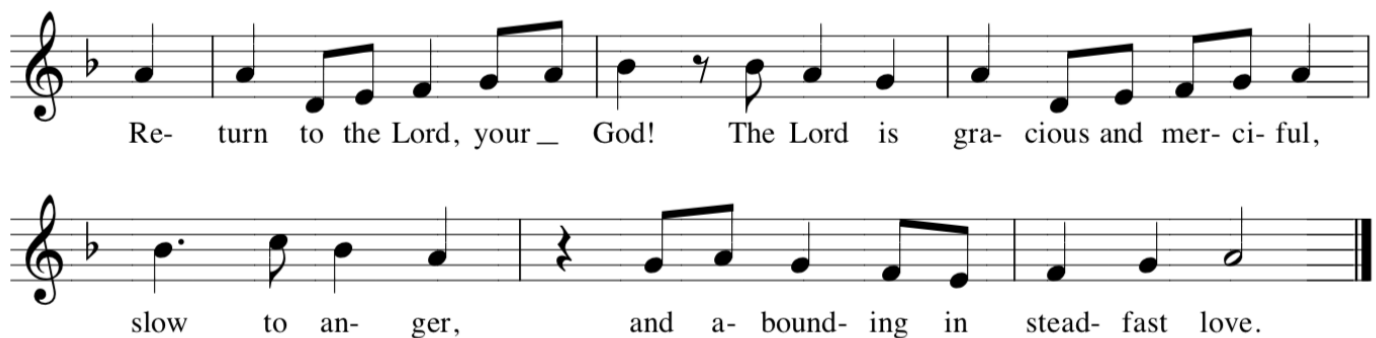
Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as God says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for preparation precedes the gospel acclamation.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Return to the Lord*



## HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

*The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

*As the gospel is announced, a small cross may be traced with the thumb on the forehead, then on the lips, then on the breast, as a prayer that the gospel may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

The ✠ holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Scott Benolkin

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

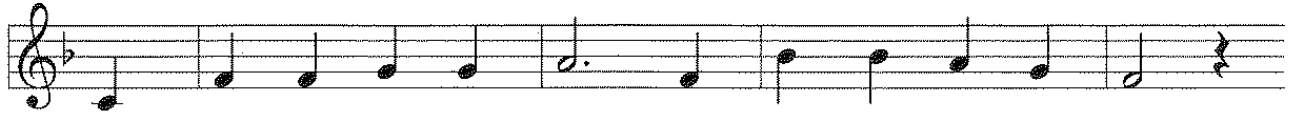
*The assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day to proclaim the word of God in song.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY *My Song is Love Unknown*

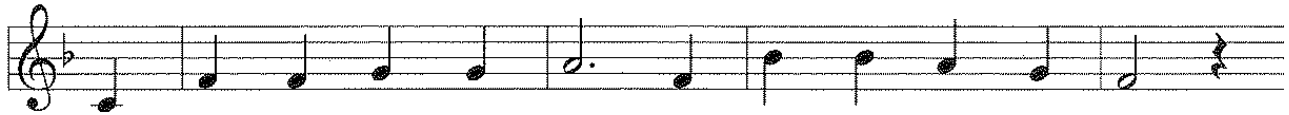
RHOSYMEDRE

1. All    2. High voices    3. All    4. Low voices    5. All    6. High voices    7. All

High voices = soprano/alto    Low voices = tenor/bass



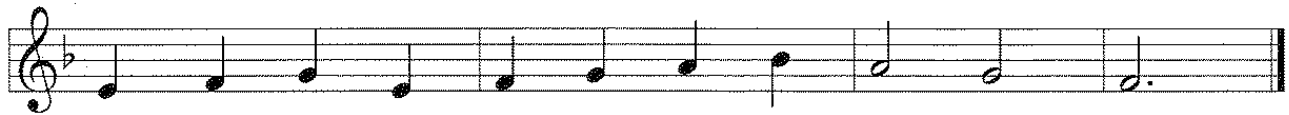
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!



## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

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.

*There is no response after each petition.*

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Angie, Theo, Cindi, Wayne, Will, Mary, Art, Russ, Tom, Lori, Sue, Dyan, David, Richard, Charlene, Richard, Steve, Jack, Rudolph, Brittany, Mary, David, Julie, Nick, Ronald, Meredith, Joe, Michael, Marcie, and Anne-Marie.  
We give thanks for the life of Marla.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers:*

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

## THE PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. After greeting one another, the assembly is seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the schedule and written announcements on the last inside pages.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered, and the table is set.*

*To make an offering online: [bethelstl.org/offering](http://bethelstl.org/offering)*

## VOLUNTARY

*Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed, BWV 620*

*CHRISTUS, DER UNS SELIG MACHT*

*from the Orgelbüchlein, 1717*

*Chorale setting by Johann Sebastian Bach*

Bach's turbulent chorale setting mirrors the dramatic events of Jesus' arrest and arraignment. The hymn, in its entirety, considers the successive events of Good Friday, hour by hour. It begins:

*Christ, who makes us blessed  
and has done no wrong,  
was for us in the night  
seized like a thief,  
led before evildoers  
and falsely accused,  
derided, mocked and spat upon,  
as the scripture says.*

*The assembly stands for the Canticle.*

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*ELW # 188*

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Believing in the real presence of Christ in the holy meal, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality.  
All are welcome at God's table.*

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

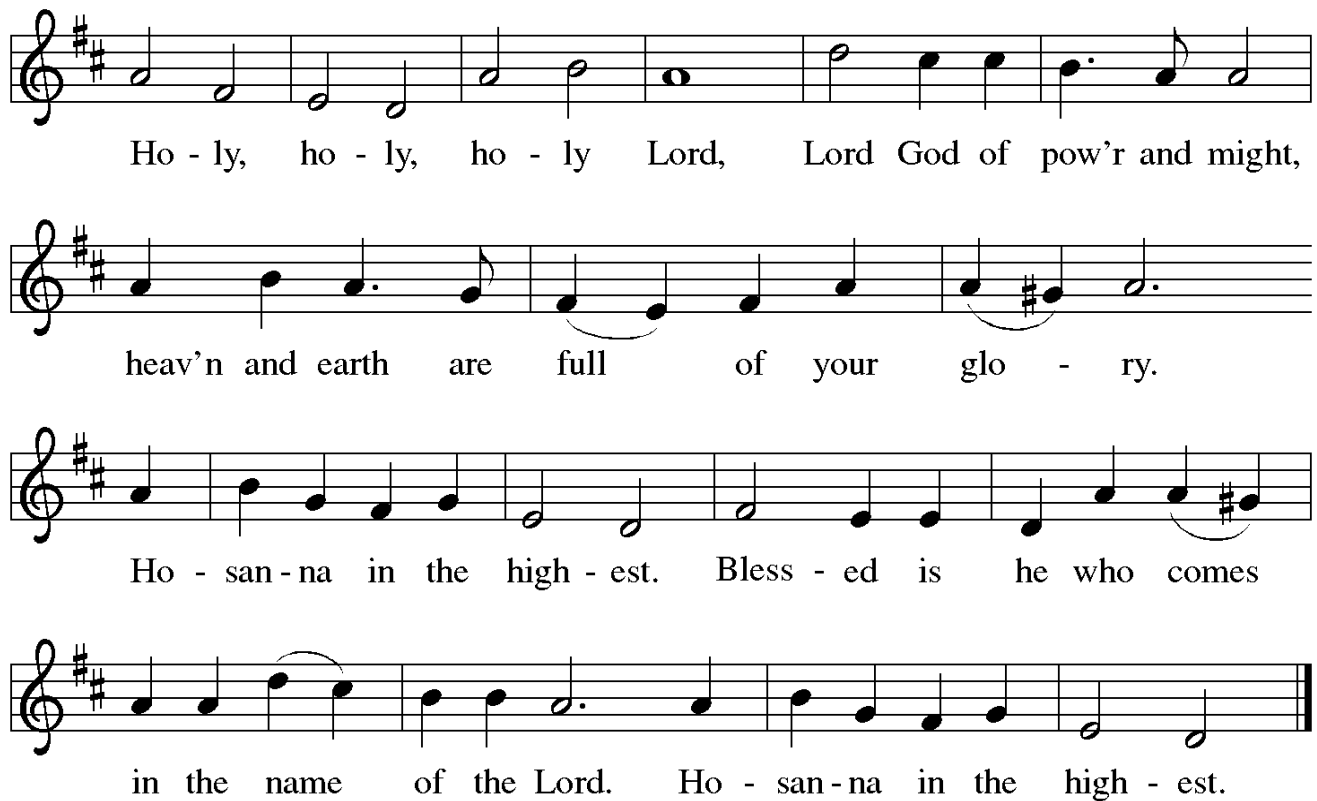
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, that ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and 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 in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 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:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

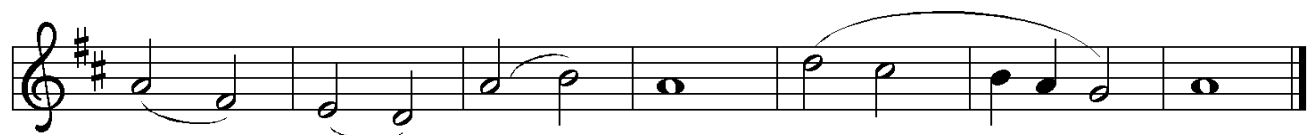
O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your ☩ Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**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 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.



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

*The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## **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.**

## **PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The assembly prays together:*

Merciful God,  
we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ,  
that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever.  
Amen.

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to Christ's table, where all are welcome.*

The gifts of God for you, the people of God.  
All are welcome at the supper of the Lamb.

*The assembly is seated.*

*We invite all persons to share in Holy Communion. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The chalices contain wine. In the individual cups, wine is clear; grape juice is a rose color. For sanitary reasons, we do not practice self-intinction: please do not dip the bread into the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If any need to commune under one element (only the bread or only the wine/juice), know that the fullness of the sacrament is present in the one element.*

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

*CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak- est a- way the sin of the world,  
have mer- cy up- on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God That  
tak- est a- way the sin of the world, have mer- cy up- on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak- est a- way the sin of the world,  
Grant us thy peace us! A men.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed*

*CHRISTUS, DER UNS SELIG MACHT*

Chorale harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach

Based upon an ancient chant for the liturgical hours of Good Friday, this Passiontide chorale is the foundation of our offertory meditation. It is heard again here as it appears in Bach's great oratorio of 1724, the *Passion according to Saint John*.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

*ELW # 480*

*O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN*

[May be sung in harmony.]

This magnificent chorale harmonization is taken from Bach's monumental *Saint Matthew Passion* of 1729.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Ecce quomodo moritur*

Music of Jakob Handl (1550-1591)

This celebrated, poignant motet, from the traditional *Tenebrae*, was sung at the very same Good Friday service at which Bach's monumental *Saint Matthew Passion* was first performed, in Leipzig, 1727.

*Ecce quomodo moritur justus*

*Et nemo percipit corde;*

*Viri justi tolluntur,*

*A facie iniquitatis sublati est justus.*

*Et erit in pace memoria ejus.*

*In pace factus est locus ejus,*

*Et in Sion habitation ejus.*

*Et erit in pace memoria ejus.*

Behold how the just one dies,

and no one in his heart perceives it,

Just men are taken away,

From the face of iniquity is the just one taken,

And his memory shall be in peace.

His dwelling is made in peace

and in Sion is his abode.

And his memory shall be in peace.

*The assembly stands for the postcommunion.*

## POSTCOMMUNION

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

*ELW # 811*

*DER AM KREUZ*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

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

## LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Assisting minister*     Let us bow before God.

*Members of the assembly are invited to bow their heads or bodies. A brief silence is observed.*

*Presiding minister*     Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people,  
                                    that they may learn to know you more fully,  
                                    and serve you with a more perfect will;  
                                    through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly*                **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Were You There?*

*ELW #353*

*WERE YOU THERE*

*African-American spiritual*

1 – 4. All, **in harmony.**     5. All, **in unison.**

## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.     **Thanks be to God.**

*In observance of the penitential character of this Lenten Season, the postlude music is omitted*

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**Today's organ meditation,** *Christus, der uns selig macht*, from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*, is, in a sense, a companion chorale setting to *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, BWV 625, which will be heard on Easter. Both are dramatic pieces, the first depicting Christ's capture in the Garden of Gethsemane, the other representing the metaphysical struggle between death and life. And in both chorales, the inner turmoil of the contrapuntal voices is constrained by an abiding dignity, an image of the majesty of Christ. Today's featured chorale, as noted, is intended to mark the "canonical" hours of Good Friday, and indeed, Bach's setting treats melody and inner voices in double canon.

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## IN OUR PRAYER CONTINUALLY

We give thanks for the life of **Marla Harms** (niece of Dan and Barb Harms). May God be with her family and friends.

We pray for **Angie Brlas** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer) who has started chemo.

We pray for **Theo Heuer** (cousin of Sylvia Titgemeyer) as he recovers from surgery and radiation.

We pray for **Cindi** (sister of Deborah Bohlmann) as she heals from surgery.

We pray for **Wayne Grupe** (brother of Mike Grupe), who is diagnosed with both Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia.

We pray for God's guidance and peace for the **Grenda family** during a difficult time for their son **Will**. Heidi and Dave Grenda are dear friends and former members of Bethel.

We pray for peace and comfort for **Mary Ditton** (aunt of Cindy Gross), who is dealing with serious health conditions.

We pray for **Art Repp**, who was in the hospital.

We pray for the health and wellbeing for **Russ Ficker**, who is recovering from a recent illness and hospitalization. Russ is a cousin of Dr. Mager.

We pray for continued healing for **Tom Dewey** at the completion of his medical treatments.

We pray for **Lori Cornell**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

We pray for **Sue Boettcher** as she recovers from a recent hospitalization.

We pray for **Dyan Glaenzer** (daughter-in-law of Richard and Jeanette Glaenzer). She is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.

We pray for **David Harms** (brother of Dan Harms), who is recovering after a stroke.

We pray for **Richard Glaenzer**, who is at home in long-term hospice care. We ask God's comfort and peace for Rich and Jeanette, and their family.

We pray for **Charlene Reimann** in her time of need.

We pray for **Richard Jones**, help in seeking renewed living arrangements and employment.

We pray for **Steve Bristol** (father of Christian, Heather and Zachary), who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. We pray for comfort, strength and support for him and his family.

We pray for **Jack Williamson** (father of Jennifer Williamson), who has dementia. May he and his family find support in learning to find joy in the new.

We pray for God's comfort and peace for **Rudolph Mueller**, who is now under hospice care.

We pray for **Brittany** (niece of Ann and Bob Mottl) for her continued healing as she begins radiation treatments that will be followed by five months of chemotherapy.

We pray for God's comfort and strength to be with **Mary Baker Findley** (sister of Vicki Baker Lottes) with stage 4 cancer and her husband **David Findley** whose Alzheimer's is progressing rapidly.

We pray for **Julie Murthy** (cousin of Emily Pelcak) as she starts her battle with cancer.

We pray for strength and wisdom for **Nick Peppes** (colleague of Gail Heyne Hafer), who is facing personal challenges.

We give thanks for the recovery of **Ronald Thompson** (stepbrother of Kristin Soifer) from the injury he sustained in a fall, and pray for him as he continues to face chronic illness.

We pray for healing and hope to be with **Meredith Sallee** (sister of Katy Koontz) during her treatment for cancer.

We pray for **Joe Whelan** (stepson to Tim Gutknecht), who is dealing with a genetic condition.

We pray for **Michael Moentmann**, who lives with chronic illness.

We continue our prayers for **Marcie Dowell** as she lives with a heart condition. May God's peace comfort her during this time.

We pray for **Anne-Marie Bogdan** (sister of Nathan Schroeder) as she lives with long-standing health conditions. May God's comfort and strength be with her and her family.

# ❁ Announcements ❁

## **Easter Breakfast**

Easter is early this year and Bethel's Easter breakfast is just around the corner on Sunday, March 31! We'll be serving from 9:15-10:30. Come and enjoy delicious Farmer's Casserole (meat and vegetarian options), bacon, freshly baked pastries and other sweets, fruit salad, juice, coffee, and tea. There will be a freewill offering to benefit the Youth Group trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. Can you contribute a baked good on March 31? Please email Jessica White [chasewhite76@yahoo.com](mailto:chasewhite76@yahoo.com)

## **From the Green Team**

Ask a member of the Green Team why they are excited about native plants and what they hope to plant this spring at Bethel. The Green Team members are Cindy Gross, Brenda Light Bredemeier, Linda & Christian Bristol, Deb Grupe, Irvin Hamilton, Peter Kennedy, Steve Poplawski, and Malinda Walter.

## **Baseball Breakfast**

Everyone's favorite Bethel baseball event returns on Saturday, April 6, at 8 AM. We will meet for a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and get the inside scoop on the Cardinals from Tom Ackerman, sports director at KMOX radio and Bethel's good friend. We will again have Cardinals ticket donations in prime seating available for silent auction. Most importantly, we are raising money for Oloipiri Village in Tanzania, our longtime mission partnership site. Contact [deborah.bohlmann@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.bohlmann@gmail.com) to help set-up on April 5 or assist during the event April 6.

## **Books and Bagels**

The Mission Board is inviting book group participants who are seeking: Bible study centered in exploring God's grace in all life circumstances; development in Bethel's mission as a welcoming community, especially among folks who identify as LGBTQIA+; connection; and deepening unity with each other.

Book title: *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians* by Austen Hartke.  
When and where: Saturday mornings, 10 AM-11:30 AM, for six weeks, April 13 to May 18, at Bethel.  
Contact: Deborah Bohlmann or KJ Monahan for information.

## **Worship Help for Holy Week and Easter**

Anyone interested in helping with worship (such as participating in a procession) for Holy Week or Easter Day is invited to sign up at [bethelstl.org/worship-help-signup](http://bethelstl.org/worship-help-signup).



To make an offering electronically, scan the QR code or go to [bethelstl.org/give](http://bethelstl.org/give)

## SCHEDULE

[bethelstl.org/events](http://bethelstl.org/events)

WED	3/20	6 PM	Lenten Dinner	
		7 PM	Lenten Vespers (Holden Evening Prayer)	
SUN	3/24		<b>The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)</b>	<i>Holy Week begins</i>
		8:45 AM	Faith Formation hour	
		10 AM	Holy Communion, with Palm procession and Passion reading	
THU	3/28		<b>The Three Days: Maundy Thursday</b>	
		7 PM	Holy Communion, with foot-washing and stripping of the altar	
FRI	3/29		<b>The Three Days: Good Friday</b>	
		12:15 PM	Good Friday Mid-Day Devotion	
		7 PM	Good Friday Liturgy, with Passion reading and procession of the cross	
SAT	3/30		<b>The Three Days: Holy Saturday</b>	
		8:07 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter	<i>Incense will be used at this service</i>
		10:30 PM	Champagne reception	
SUN	3/31		<b>The Day of Resurrection: Easter Day</b>	
		8 AM	Holy Communion	
		9:15 AM	Easter Breakfast	
		11 AM	Holy Communion	

*Have Something for the Bethel Connection, Bulletin, Website, Narthex Information Board, or Facebook?  
Email it to [submissions@bethelstl.org](mailto:submissions@bethelstl.org) by 9 AM Monday morning.*

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Assisting Minister	Jody Kluender
Steward	KJ Monahan
Lectors and Communion Assistants	Deb Grupe Keith Womer
	Evelyn Meyer
Musicians	Stephen Mager, organist and choirmaster Bethel Chancel Choir
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*Have a prayer request? Email it to [prayers@bethelstl.org](mailto:prayers@bethelstl.org) anytime.*

*Note that the information you send to this address will get shared with a number of people who will be praying for you as well as the Sunday Holy Communion bulletin.*

# A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain-ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great-est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.  
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com-mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
 Oh, won-drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,  
 from their dread of death and con-dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes  
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,  
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,  
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to  
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.  
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."  
 the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.  
 ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

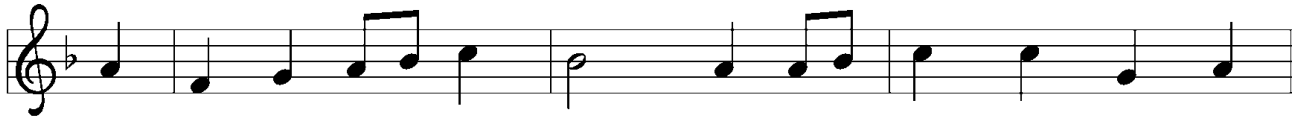
## Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The notes are as follows: Staff 1: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. Staff 2: E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2. Staff 3: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1. Staff 4: B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1. Staff 5: D1, C1, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B1, A1, G1. The lyrics are: "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."

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Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

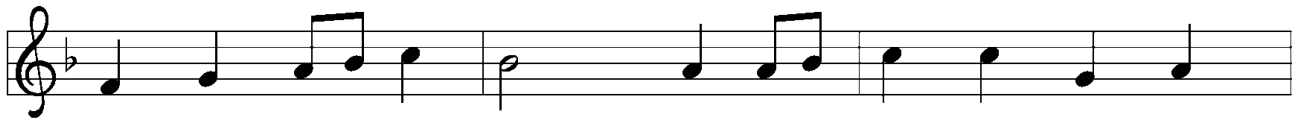
## O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

# On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age,    bless-ed Je - sus,    king of grace,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



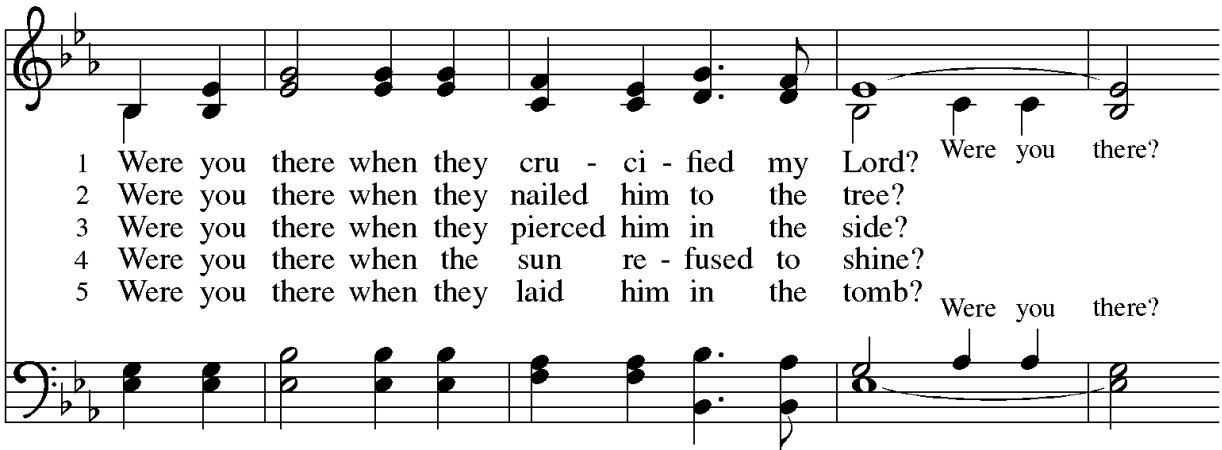
is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal-va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.

Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758



# Were You There

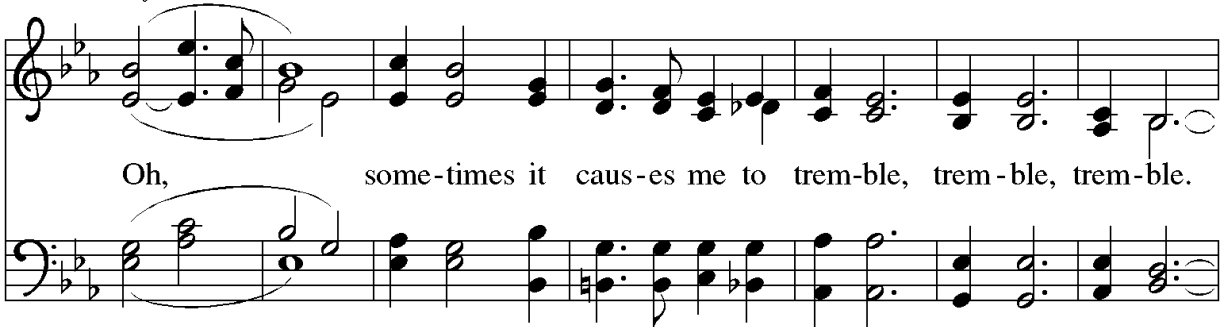


1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

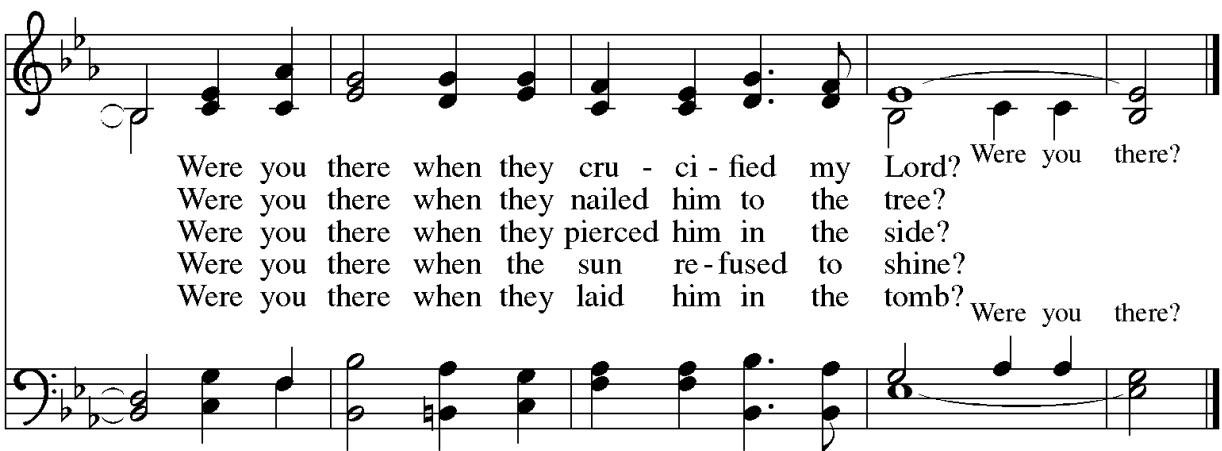


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Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

## Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
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