



Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:45 A.M.

First Sunday in Lent – Promise of Relationship

## GATHERING

### **PRELUDE**

*Amazing Grace*  
ELC Handbell Choir

*arr. Ed Harris*

### **WELCOME**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In this season of Lent, we hear the stories of how God has formed us  
out of dust and ash and promises into God's own people.  
But time and again our commitment crumbles, and we are scattered by sin.  
Beloved, let us return to God, confessing what tears us apart  
so that God can put us back together.

*A brief silence.*

God, we confess: we have sinned.

**We have turned away from you,  
away from one another, into ourselves.**

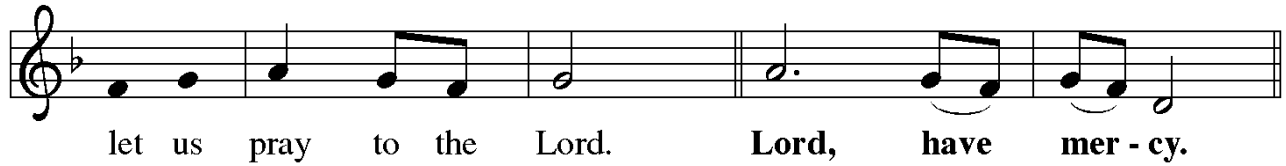
**We have allowed our love of you  
to be supplanted by the fear of other things:  
death, suffering, weakness, want.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.  
Help us. Promise us that even this brokenness can be made well.**

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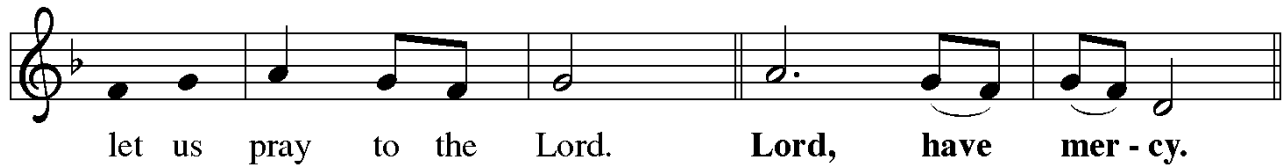
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In peace,



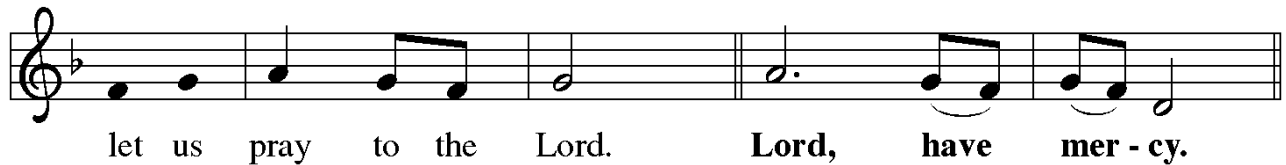
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For the peace from above, and for our salvation,



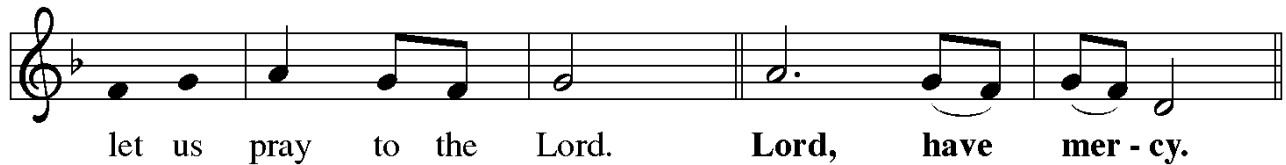
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all,

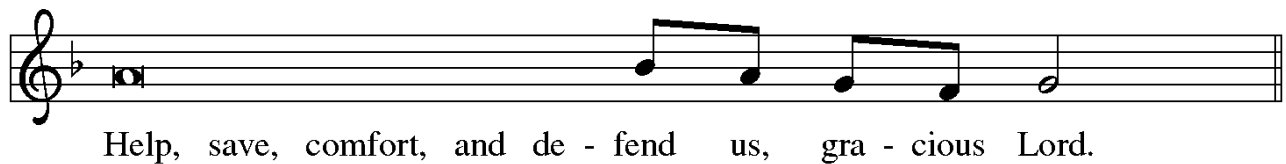


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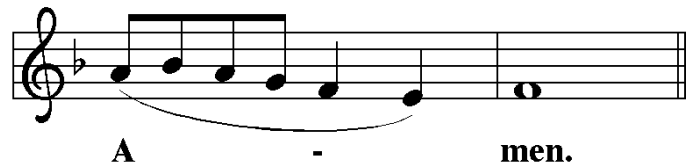
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Siblings in Christ, listen to this good news:  
 God knew of our brokenness even before we knew it ourselves.  
 In accordance with the ancient promise, God became dust:  
 Jesus Christ came among us, to live and die and rise again.  
 For his sake, + God forgives us all our sins.  
 For his sake, God renews all God's promises.  
 For his sake, God remakes us as the body of Christ for the sake of the world.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

*ELW 319*



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Rainbow God: In the story of the flood we see you turn from black-and-white judgment to the many-hued possibilities between you and your creation.

Turn us too, O God. Disarm us through your flowing grace. Submerge us in your saving love. Let our actions drip the gentle rain of your mercy, so that at the last we might hear you name us your people, with whom you are well-pleased.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING – Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-10**     *The refrain is sung by the cantor, then by ALL;  
The verses are sung responsively using the psalm tone.*

**Refrain**

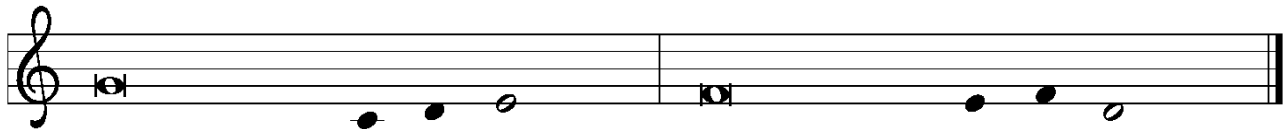


Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.

Psalm 25:10

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**Psalm Tone**



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<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
good- | ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. Refrain

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. Refrain

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



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



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

## GOSPEL – Mark 1:9-15

The gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

## SERMON

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## HYMN OF THE DAY *Bless Now, O God the Journey* ELW 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each prayer with the words, "**Your mercy is great.**"

*A brief silence.*

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered with others in the household.*

## **SENDING**

### **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

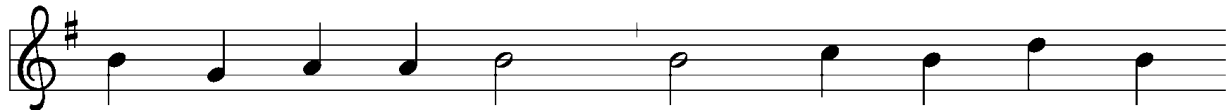
## SENDING HYMN

### *The Glory of these Forty Days*

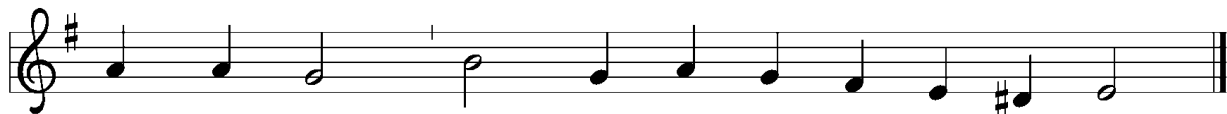
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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### *The Glory of These Forty Days*

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and livestream at 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!  
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