



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

Beneath the Tree of Life
by Marty Haugen



Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and

gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of

Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who

leads us on from death in - to new life. *To Refrain*

Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

All Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

All you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
 but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
 We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
 We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
 you grant to all people.
 We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
 We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
 Transform our lives
 and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
 God's arms are always stretched open wide
 to welcome the wandering ones home.
 In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
 You have a place in God's house forever.

All Amen.

Kyrie

P = presider **A** = all



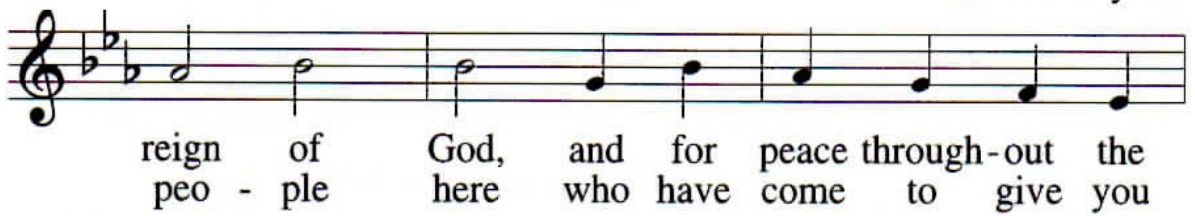
P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



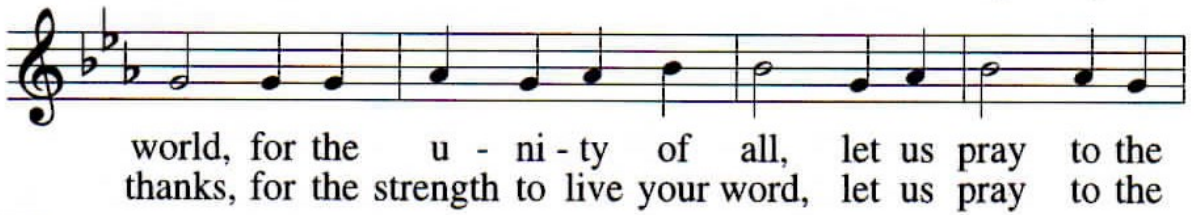
A Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



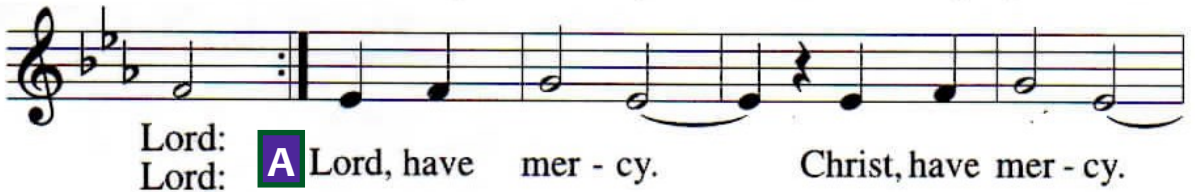
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **P** 1. For the
P 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through-out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



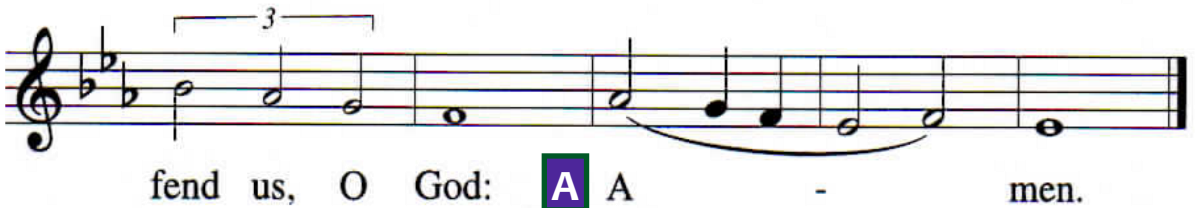
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord:
Lord: **A** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, and de-
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: **A** A - men.

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of

life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of
 heal - ing and re - lease. Come and
 gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Prayer for This Day

P O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

All Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Reading from Deuteronomy, the 26th chapter

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I

declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God,⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.’⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us,⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

WA The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 91

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

- 12 **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- 14 **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- 15 They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who 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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make "hope" tangible.

Message

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



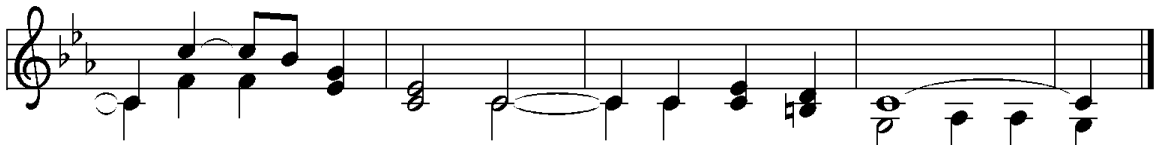
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Affirmation of Faith

P This Affirmation of faith was originally used by the Iona Community and was written during a time of great trouble in the world – the time of nuclear proliferation. We know that the world is still troubled. We live in a time of war and rumors of war. It is good for us to use new language – different words – to remember, to see with new eyes God’s activity in this world – and to acknowledge God’s invitation to us.

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty
Where fear and courage join hands,
Conflict and caring link arms,
And the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith
That takes us beyond the safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability
And into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
And put ourselves on the line;
To bear responsibility, take risks,
Live powerfully and face humiliation;
To stand with those on the edge;
To choose life
And be used by the Spirit
For God’s new community of hope.
Amen.**

You may be Seated

Prayers of the People

WA Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.



Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, in your mercy, **All: receive our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the Peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that Peace through sign language.

P Jesus Christ become Peace with you.

All And also with you.

You may be Seated

Offering

While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.

We will sing our offertory in canon (in a round).



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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Offertory Prayer

P Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.

All As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P And with our hearts and voices raised we remember..



(All) On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;__ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,__ You broke it and said, "This is My__



bod - y, bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My__



bod - y bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the

night You were be - trayed You held the cup; Af - ter
 giv - ing thanks, You lift - ed it up. "This is My
 blood, poured out for you, and as you drink it, re - mem - ber
 Me; This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you
 drink it, re - mem - ber Me." So, we
 thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we
 see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we re -
 mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Let us together approach the throne of grace
as we pray as Jesus taught us:

All 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.

The Invitation

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel



1. O soul, are you wea-ry and trou- bled? No light in the
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



dark-ness you see? _____ There's_ light for a look at the Sav -
 fol - low Him there; _____ O - ver us sin no more hath do - min -
 all will be well: _____ Then_ go to a world that is dy -



-ior, and life more a - bun-dant and free! _____ Turn your
 -ion- for more_ than con-q'rors we are! _____
 -ing, His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____



eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____

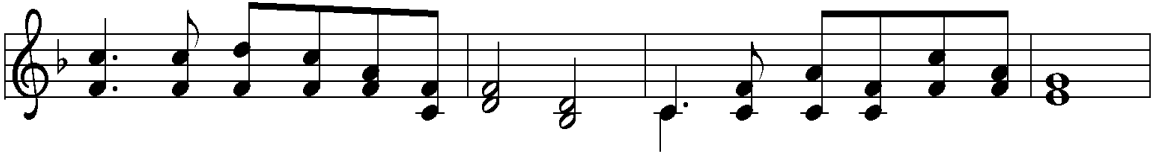


_____ And the things of earth will grow strange - ly



dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

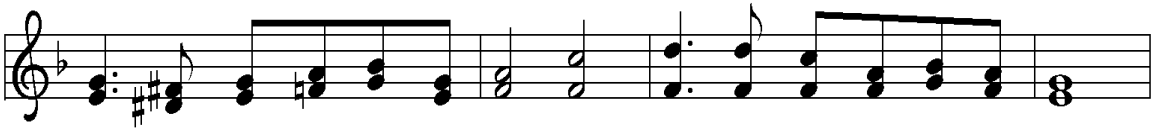
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Let us pray,
Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

All Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

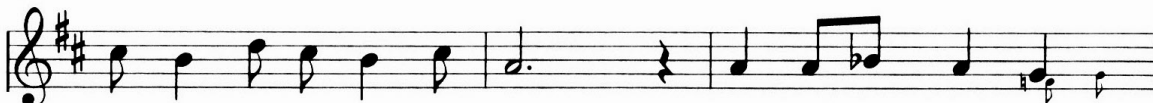
All Amen

Sending

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to His an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in this shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock in whom I . . . trust!"
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness your . . . shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,
 March 16th
 Lent 2

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm: Psalm 27
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

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