

**You ain't seen  
nothin'  
yet!**

*5th Sunday in Lent*  
*April 6, 2025*



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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

#### Refrain

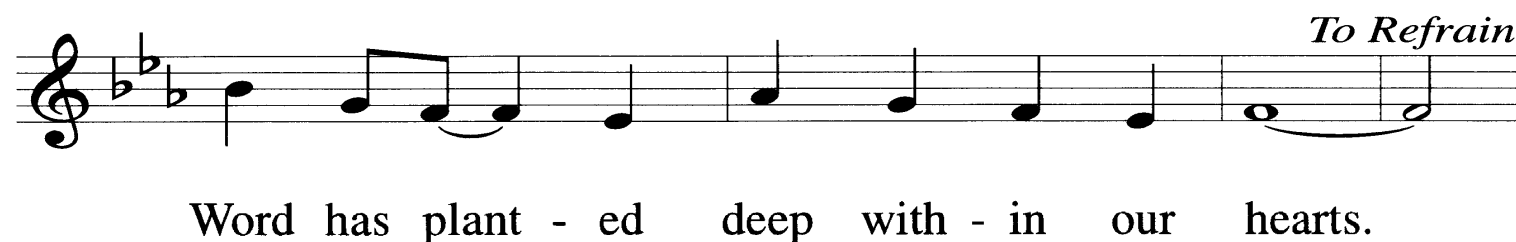
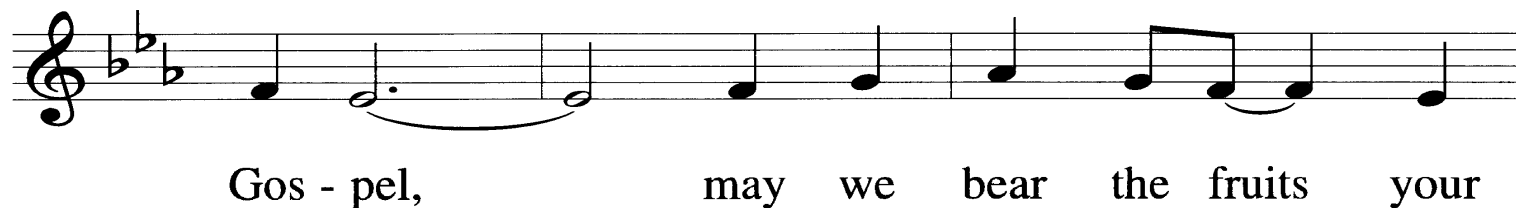
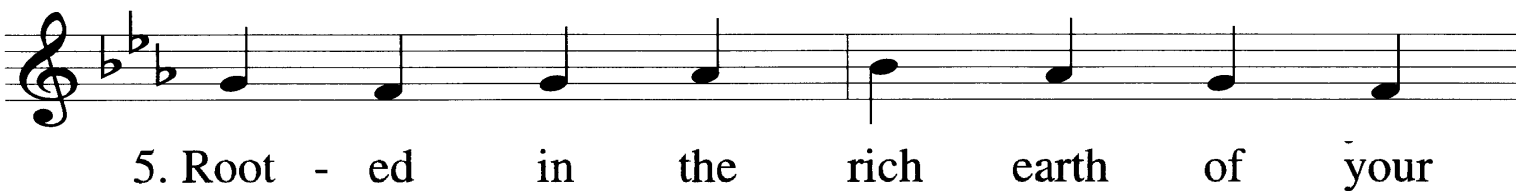
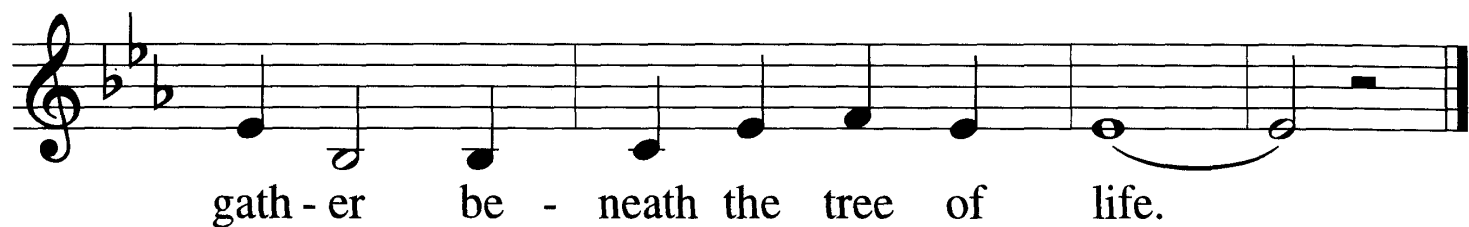
Please stand in body or spirit.

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



## 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:

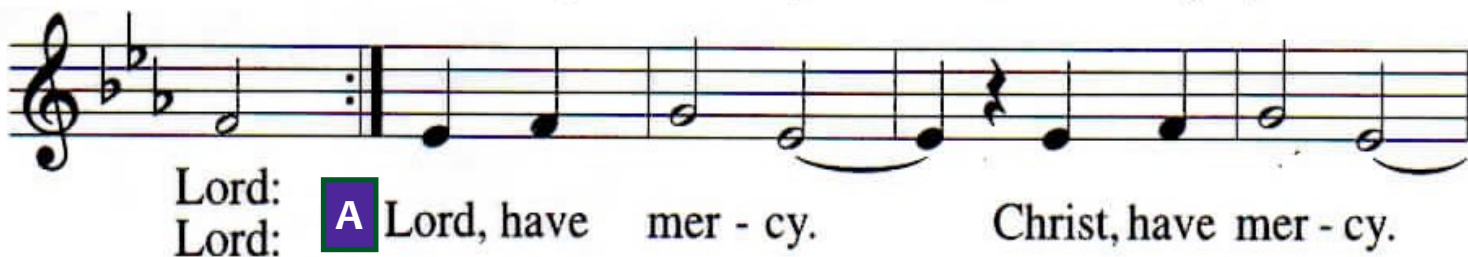
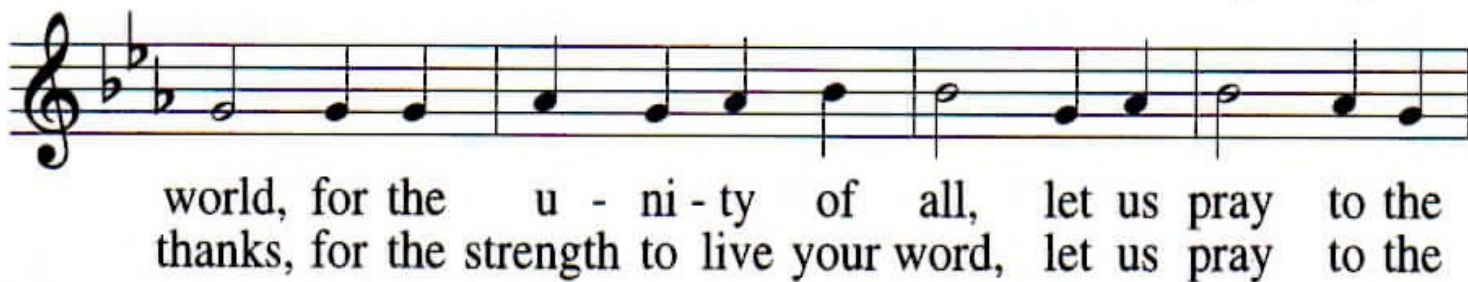


**A** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

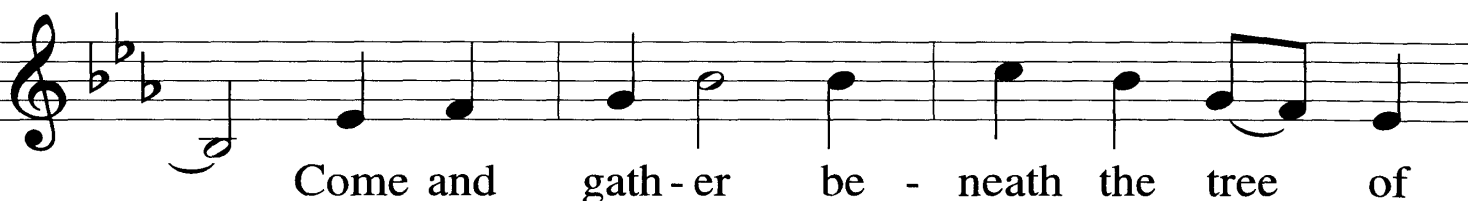


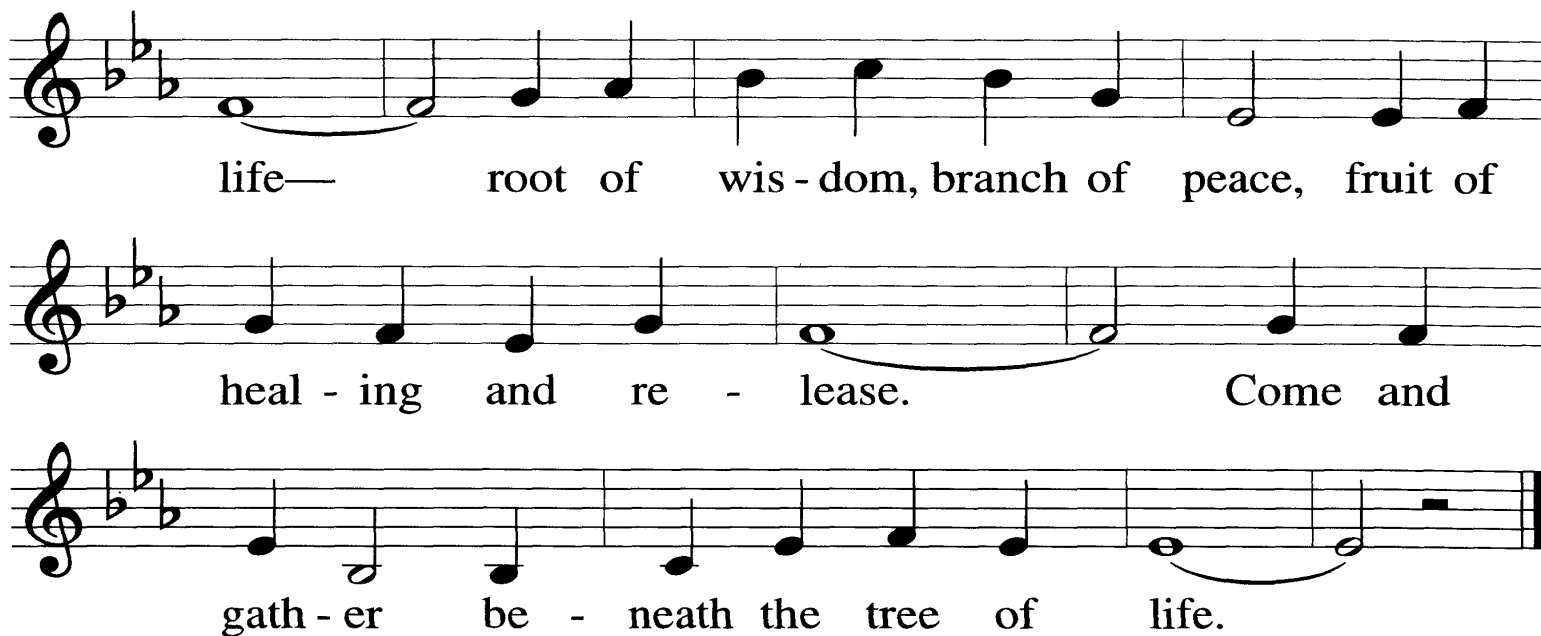
Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on us all. **P** 1. For the  
**P** 2. For your





### Refrain





### Prayer for This Day

*P* Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.

**All** Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*You may be Seated*

### A Reading from Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

WA The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

### **A Reading from Philippians , the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

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### 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. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him),

said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

*John 12:1-8*

*You may be Seated*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**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.

## God Of The Poor

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick



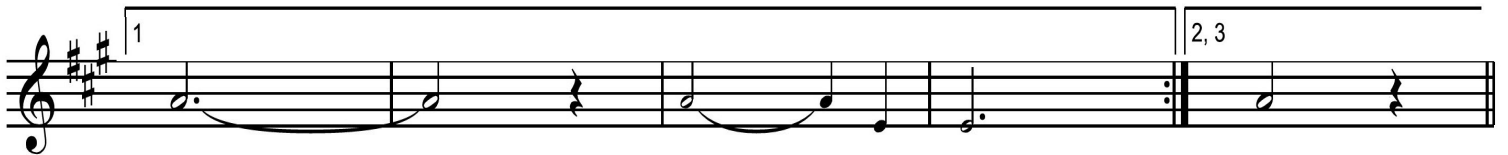
1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair, Lord, in Your  
2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the  
3 Re - fuge from cruel wars, ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for



suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren,  
crafts - men, trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed,  
sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields,



jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to sun - set Your king - dom in -  
rights for the weak, voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't  
scorched earth to green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the



crease. \_\_\_\_\_

2, 3  
speak.  
pain.



God of the poor, \_\_\_\_\_ friend of the \_\_\_\_\_ weak,

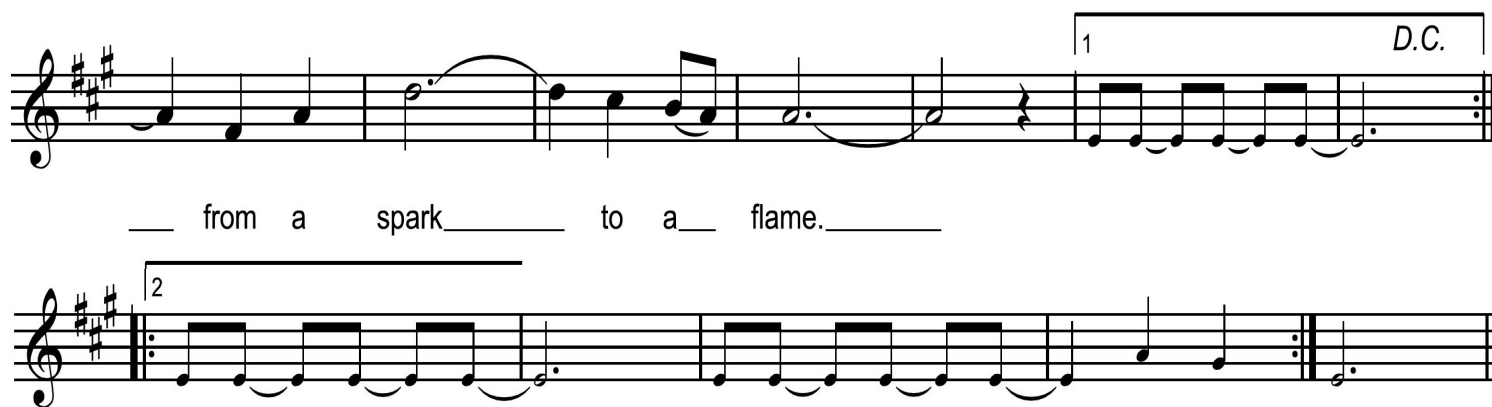


give us com - pas - sion we pray, melt our cold



hearts, let tears fall like \_\_\_\_\_ rain. Come change our love \_\_\_\_\_





## 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.**

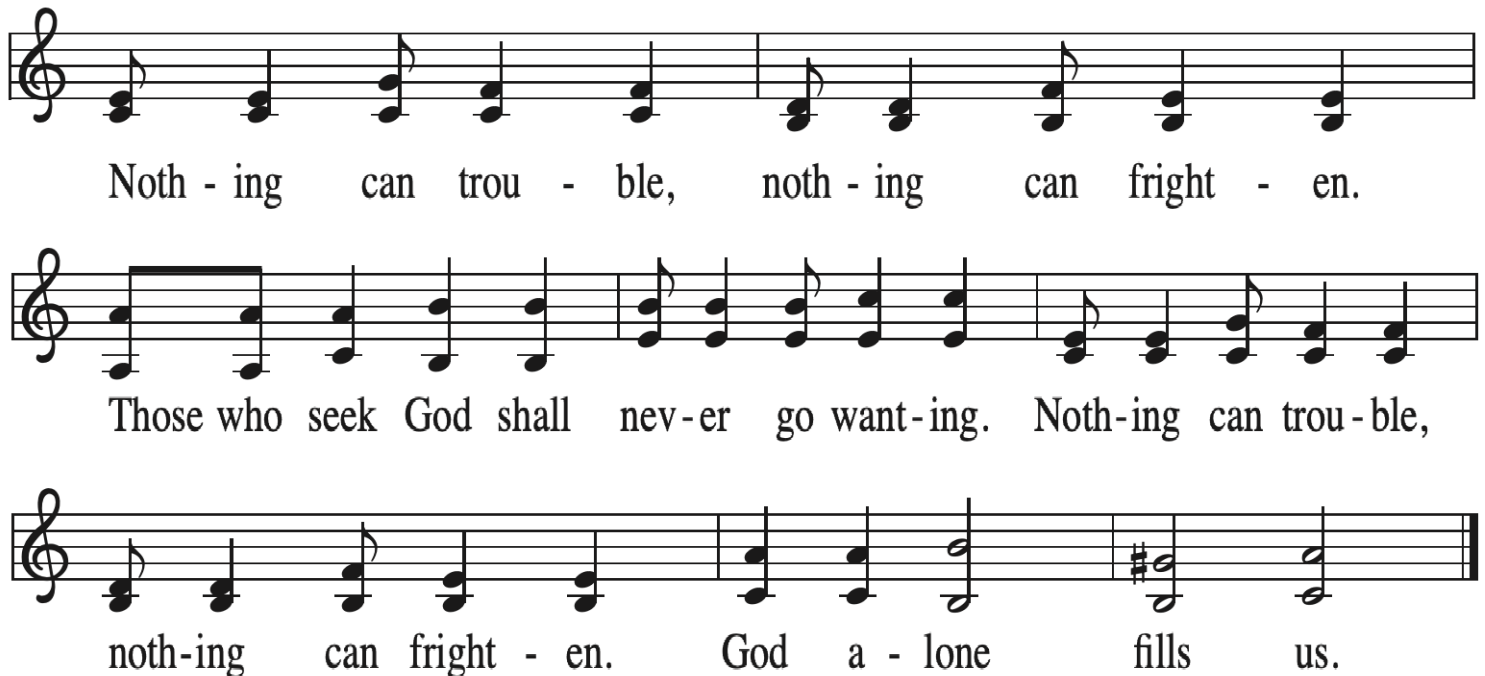
**We commit ourselves to work for change  
And put ourselves on the line;  
To bear responsibility, take risks,**

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.](#)

*P* Jesus Christ become Peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

[You may be Seated](#)

## Offering

*Offering plates are available at the entrance to receive your offerings.*

*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.

## Communion Songs



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.



# There is an Everlasting Kindness

## (The Compassion Hymn)

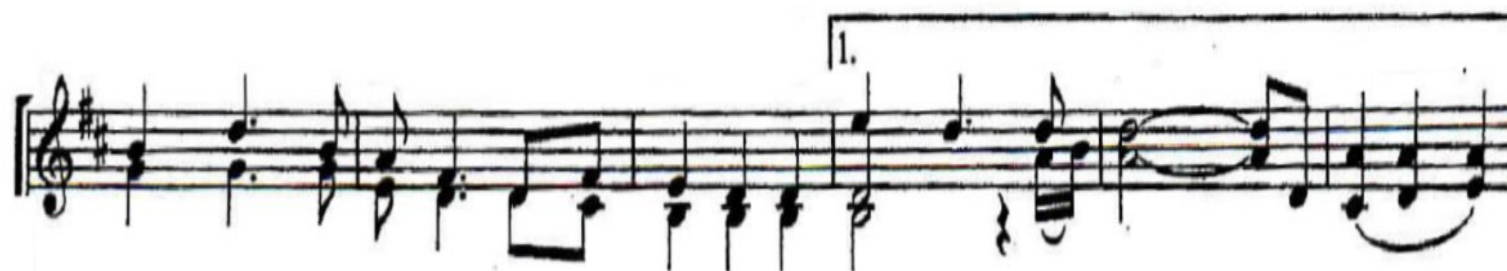
& Kristyn Getty  
Stuart Townend



1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You lav - ished on us, when the ra - diance of hea - ven came to  
pass - ion for the hurt - ing. You reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the  
neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and gazed on Your face at the thorns of op - press - ion and the  
ful the feet that car - ry\_\_ this Gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - just - ice and the



res - cue the lost. You called the sheep with - out a shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your  
dead breathed a - gain. You saw be - hind the eyes of sor - row and shared in our tears; heard the  
wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly You have borne our suff - ring and car - ried our grief, as You  
val - leys of need. To be a voice of hope and heal - ing, to ans - wer the cries of the



streams of for - give - ness and the shade of your rest.  
sigh of the wear - y, let the child - ren draw  
par - doned the scoff - er and showed grace to the  
hun - gry and help - less with the mer - cy of



2. And with com - near. } What bound - less love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O  
thief. }  
Christ. }

God of com - pass - ion. Each day we live an off-ering of praise, as we

show to the world Your com - pass - ion.

3. We stood be -  
4. How beau-ti -

## Lord Be Glorified

Words and Music by  
Bob Kilpatrick

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4. In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

## 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.

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## 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

Step by step



O God you are my God and I will ev - er praise  
you. O God, you are my God, and  
I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-  
- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

Days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

## Dismissal

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

**All** Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,  
April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Sunday

**Processional**

**First Reading:**

**Psalm:**

**Second Reading:**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 19:28-40**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**31:9-16**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**Luke 22:14—23:56**

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