

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20th, 2022



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Prayer: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE: A prayer for peace in the midst of conflict.
 Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have been our life in the midst of death, and our peace where there is no peace. Look upon Your servants in Ukraine and Russia with Your grace and assure them that in the darkness of political unrest You remain the Light of the World.
 Dearest Jesus, through the cross you defeated all that keeps us from the peace that passes understanding. In these tense days, we pray, be the Good Shepherd of Your flock in Eastern Europe and around the world and give all persons and countries aching from social and political turmoil Your Good News of sins forgiven, and life restored. Holy Spirit, You gather us into Your Church where we are made new by Your Holy Word. Keep us from civil strife, from the aggressive spilling of blood, and turn back all misfortunes that lead to hostility and death. Grant a speedy reconciliation to those on opposite sides of the conflict; soften the hearts of the unmerciful and bring them to the knowledge of You.
 Triune God, grant peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, and in Your whole Church on earth, that with one heart and mind we may sing Your praises, and have peace at the last, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Children’s Message: Psalm 63: 3 <https://youtu.be/-fadb3AxMoI>

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 1 Pet. 1: 13-21	Wed.: Luke 22: 24-30	Friday: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16
Tuesday: Mark 6: 7-13	Thurs: Luke 4: 38-44	Saturday: Isa. 49: 12-6

Organist: Mayumi Munoz

Readers: 9 a.m. — Lorraine Kaija; 11 a.m. — Gloria Meyer

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE: We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages where we are focusing on understanding and memorizing a Psalm verse each week. This week is Psalm 63: 3.

WORSHIP NOTE:

- A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSg>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: christlutheransc.ca.
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com). or phone the church office (905-685-8294). May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We invite children to join us the first 2 Sundays of each month. We meet downstairs between Services. Please feel free to join us this morning!

UPDATE – COVID 19 PROTOCOL:

As restrictions continue to be lifted, as of March 21st it will be a “*personal choice*” whether or not you continue to wear a mask for Worship Services and activities within the church.

Moving toward the lifting of **ALL** restrictions on April 27th, a gradual approach will be taken with respect to dispensing with Pilgrim style Holy Communion, returning to the use of the “*common cup*”, gathering of the offering, coffee hour, and the pancake breakfast. We ask that everyone continue to be diligent in monitoring themselves for fever, cold and flu-like symptoms, and if any symptoms are present, please refrain from attending in-person services and activities.

Services will continue to be available on-line and in the bulletin.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak to either Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd.



MID-WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

begins Wednesday, MARCH 9th and continues every Wednesday from 7-8 pm until Easter.

Led by Pastor Todd in the church sanctuary

Materials will be provided ahead of time.

***"LIFT HIGH THE CROSS -- Jesus' Focus For Our Freedom:
A Lenten Journey Through Matthew's Gospel account of the Passion."***

WHY WE WORSHIP— YouTube Midweek Messages on “Gathering the Scattered”. Gathering the hopes and dreams of all. Pastor Todd explains the parts of our worship services and shares why we worship as we do. **March 16th message:** <https://youtu.be/gAwVPM19F5o>

Women's Bible Study: Have you ever thought about the central role the table plays in the lives of Christians? The Bible is full of references about food, drink, eating, and fellowship. Jesus knew the power of the table and used it to teach and embody truth about himself. When we sit down for a meal with others, we get to know them better while we nourish our bodies and souls. In this seven-session series, complete with simple yet delicious recipes, Bianca Juárez Olthoff leads us through Jesus' interactions around the table, inspiring us to invite people into our homes, open the Word of God, and break bread together. We hope you will consider joining us in person, here at the church on **Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (March 25, April 8, April 22)** or watch this study entitled “*Table Talks*” yourself at rightnowmedia.org.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: Nine youth will publicly confess their Baptismal faith during our Palm Sunday, April 10, 9:00 am. Holy Communion service. A time of refreshments & friendly gathering will happen downstairs in between the services to meet & support our young people. **11 a.m.** remains Traditional Palm Sunday Service with communion.

Easter Pancake Breakfast”: Please join us Sunday, April 17 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to those who wish to attend.

LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:

Lutheran Young people from across Canada will be gathering together this **July 15-19, 2022 in Winnipeg, Manitoba**. The theme for the gathering is “**IN NOT OF**” from Philippians 3:20 “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ.” Information packages are available from Louise. Save the date, check out the website at <http://www.lccnyg.ca>, start following the Facebook and Instagram pages and check out this fun announcement from Pastor Glenn Worcester

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68gXVYofMYY>

LWML-Canada, Ontario District, Niagara Zone District Convention at Grace Lutheran Church (accommodation at Niagara College) on June 9 to 11th, 2022. More details will follow. If at all possible, please plan to attend. It is a wonderful time to get to know and renew friendships with our sisters in Christ from around the province! It is a time to focus on **"Joy, Patience, Prayer"** which is the theme of the Convention. (Romans 12:12) *Our Seminary Student Eduardo Farias and his wife Daniella will be our wonderful entertainment for Friday evening!*



THE MARY MARTHA is collecting items for Medical Missions that they will take to the Ingathering at the LWML District Convention this coming June, we invite everyone to help by adding items to the container sitting on the Narthex Table. Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future:

- Antibiotic Ointment (Polysporin, etc.)
- Vicks VapoRub
- Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Childen
- Disposable Gloves
- Vitamins for Adults and Children
- Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Cream
- Antihistamines – Benadryl
- Q-Tips
- Voltarin (Arthritic Ointment)
- Band Aids/Adhesive Tape
- ACE Elastic Bandage

Monetary Gifts made out to “LWML Ontario Distric Medical Missions”. Everything appreciated with Thanks

<u>Last Sunday Attendance: March 13th, 2022 Attn: 9 A.M. – 46; 11 A.M. – 42; Total: 88</u>					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	233,400.00	4,488.46	2,295.00	44,624.95	(4,748.13)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	384.62	298.00	3,090.50	(1,140.27)
Property Improvement:			167.00	1,392.50	

EXTRA HANDS & BODIES NEEDED: we continually need extra people assisting in our services. With offering both 9 am and 11 am services, we are finding ourselves short staffed of volunteers. Particularly for the late service, we need your help in the following areas:

- 1) Greeting of Worshippers at entrance and Covid Protocol Preparation of our PowerPoint worship services [editing the Google Doc Slides, can be done at home]
- 2) Operation of the PowerPoint during church services [training with written instruction will be provided]
- 3) Taking a turn preparing the Altar for Communion and seasonal colour cloth changes [Altar Guild]
- 4) Ushering people to pew seats and directing people to line up for communion
- 5) Lighting and extinguishing of altar candles

Recording services using newly installed equipment [training with written instructions will be provided] We pray that you consider helping. We need participation from all ages. Should you wish more information about what is involved, please speak to Judy Slingerland, Tom Kuhl or Pastor Todd.

GREETERS: - What a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the congregation and at the same time enjoy a little fellowship! Greet members at the door, encourage hand sanitizing and provide them with a copy of the Bulletin and Worship Folder. It's as easy as that! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

THANK YOU for all the prayers for Jonah Hoeffs. Wisdom teeth surgery went well and we are all thankful to the Lord for his presence and healing.

Update on our Sponsored Family: Kareem, Hamida, Ameer, and Asser March 20th, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I needed to send some information to LWML for their upcoming District Convention in June, so I thought maybe it would be a good time to review and refresh our minds about the events of sponsoring Kareem and his family by our congregation. Also for any new members who have joined us to worship more recently.

The Lord placed in our life here at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Catharines, the privilege to sponsor an Iraq Refugee family presently in Greece awaiting movement to a safe country. Canadian Lutheran World Relief assisted us in applying to the Canadian government to bring a husband and wife with 2 little boys to safety in Canada. The Sponsorship is for 1 year. It was taken to the council meeting on September 9th, 2020, and they gave approval to take it to our Voter's Meeting on October 4th, 2020. The Voters approved it on that date. We formed the necessary committee to make the application and receive and work with the family when they arrive in St. Catharines. The committee members were the following members: Ivy Parkhouse, Susan Honey, Lorraine Kaiji, Erna McBride, Howard Bogusat, Tim Reck, and John Makey.

Sadly last year we lost Erna as a member of our committee as she went to her eternal home in heaven and into her Saviour's arms. In addition to this committee, once Kareem and his family have arrived we will need help and support from many members here at Christ to complete their settlement here in St. Catharines.

Our family: Kareem and Hamida Al Humaidi, and their sons Ameer (now age 4), Asser (now age 2). Ameer was born in Iraq and Asser in Greece. Asser has grown from a 4 month old baby when we first met him to a little boy now over 2 years old. Ameer loves his toy cars that have been given to him. Even though Asser was born in Greece he is not considered as a Greece citizen (it is not like in Canada). The Greek government had them living in a room at the Stefania Hotel, Amarnthos, Greece until December 2020 when they were moved into Athens on December 24, 2020. They are now living in a 3 bedroom apartment with 2 other families. Each family has one bedroom and share the kitchen and salon (living room). Kareem is originally from Nasiriyah, Iraq, on the Euphrates River (near ancient city of Ur where Abraham left when he was called by God.)

This is the beginning of their adventure in Kareem's own words: *"I left Iraq and stayed 4 days in Turkey and the fifth day on the Greek island of Samos by rubber boat (arrived on May 29th, 2018) ... We spent 4 months in the tent with my wife and Ameer, and that time my wife miscarried a child because of the bad service there in the camp because she slid in the mud because it was raining and she was going to the toilet. After the tent, they transferred us to an iron caravan ... 7 months on the island of suffering and poor service."* (They left Iraq on May 25, 2018 as it was no longer safe for them)



Kareem graduated with a diploma from the Department of Legal Administration in Iraq with a diploma, and he is very artistic and has done much painting, and even volunteered in Greece with a church to teach children. He gave a painting of a cross to the manager at the hotel, and a lady from Texas who sells art from refugees was able to sell a couple of Kareem's paintings. Kareem is so thankful for the congregation at Christ for being willing to sponsor his family to come to Canada. He wants so much for his wife Hamida to be able to go to school, as she was never given the opportunity as she grew up. Kareem's words were, ***"I have great hope!"***

Jennifer and Muna at Canadian Lutheran World Relief helped in getting the government forms completed. This took translation from Arabic into English and filling out the required forms online for the Canadian government. It was a month long process. Asser's Greek birth records had to be translated as well. The expenses for having these translations done were taken from the refugee fund set up by our church. The men who transferred Kareem and his family from Turkey in a rubber raft to the island of Samos refugee camp took their passports and money and refused to give them their passports back. This family like many refugee families have faced a lot of struggles as they try to get to a safe and peaceful country to live in.

We were all so excited when the application by CLWR was finally sent away by December 7th 2020, and that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada had responded with a file number by December 10th. 2020. At that time Kareem and his family were given a G application number from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. Then the waiting began for Kareem and his family to have their interview. Of course, Covid has slowed the whole process down as the government transferred employees over to Canada Revenue to pay out the Covid benefits. Once things started to get back to normal there was the emergency to process Afghan refugees and now Ukrainian refugees, so putting everything and everyone else on the back burner as the old saying goes. These words from CLWR express where the process is at the present time: *"Interviews will be arranged when a visa officer travels to Kareem's region and conducts the interview at a local embassy or consulate. Kareem will need to be able to travel to a local embassy in Greece, as instructed to him by the visa officer. Due to the pandemic, this interview is not expected to take anytime soon, unfortunately. We cannot estimate the timeframe of when it will occur."*

We at Christ Lutheran have rallied together to raise the support necessary to sponsor Kareem and his family, as we will need to provide for all their needs for a minimum of one year. The original minimum amount set by the government was \$25,000, and now we face the rising costs of everything we have no idea what we will need. However, we have been blessed abundantly to the point that our Iraq Refugee Fund stands at a balance of \$29,999.03 as at March 8th, 2022. Please continue to pray that Kareem and his family remain safe as they wait the next stage of processing by Canadian Immigration, and especially that the Lord grease the wheels of government that this process moves along sooner than later.

God Bless,
Pastor John,
Chairman of the Iraq Refugee Committee,
Christ Lutheran Church

NEW MORNING PRAISE

Adapted from Lutheran Church of Australia Modern Matins

March 20, 2022 -- 9 AM Service

FIRST SONG: **"The Servant King"** Verses 2,3,4

Verse 2:

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load Christ chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Chorus:

***This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King***

Verse 3:

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails, surrendered

Chorus:

***This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King***

Verse 4:

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Chorus:

***This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King***

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SPOKEN MORNING PRAYER SCRIPTURE RESPONSES:

Open up my lips O LORD!

And my mouth will sing praises to Your Name!

Come quickly to Help me, O Lord

And be speedy to keep me away from harm.

Teach me Your Way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

As it was then, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Lamb of our salvation!

Give glory to our God, our Light and our Life!

O come, let us worship Him!

PSALM 96 SONG

"Come Let Us Worship & Bow Down"

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

For He is our God

And we are the people of his pasture
And the sheep of his hand
Just the sheep of his hand

For He is our God

And we are the people of his pasture
And the sheep of his hand
Just the sheep of his hand.

Writer(s): David J. Doherty

PSALM 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed,

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, gracious Father, Your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of Your only Son. Help us to hear Your Word and keep it, and bring Your saving love to fruition in our lives of faith. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURES:

The Old Testament: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Lo, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

[St. Paul writes:] I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if

you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPOKEN LENTEN GOSPEL VERSE

Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!

The Holy Gospel St. Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still

I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." ' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

GOSPEL SONG:

"Living Waters"

Verse 1:

**Are you thirsty -- Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken -- Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters**

Verse 2:

**Christ is calling -- Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down -- All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters**

Chorus:

**There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters**

Verse 3:

**Spirit moving -- Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children -- To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters**

Verse 4:

**Are you thirsty -- Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness-- Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters**

Ending:

**There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters**

Living Waters

Words and Music by
Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

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INTRO

C⁵ Cmaj⁷ C⁵ Cmaj⁷

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VERSE

C⁵ C⁵/D

1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?
2. Christ is find re - fresh - ing
call - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;
3. Spir - it Are you emp - ty?
mov - ing,
4. Are you thirst - y?

5 C⁵/F C⁵/G C⁵ (Cmaj⁷) C⁵ C⁵/D

Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,
at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. Lay your life down, all the old gone,
Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,
Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,

9 C⁵/F C⁵/G 1. C⁵ Cmaj⁷ C⁵ 2, 3, 4. C⁵

rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. wat - ers. There's a
rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.
life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.
Christ, He is our liv - ing

CHORUS

riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our

God; There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more,

Last time to Coda ⊕
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1. TURNAROUND 2.

19 Dm⁷ G C⁵ Cmaj⁷ C⁵ Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷ G

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. ___ praise the Lord of liv - ing

BRIDGE

23 C⁵ F/A G/B C/E F

wat - ers. ___ Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___

27 Am G/B C F/A G/B

Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___

30 C/E F Am G/B C D.S. al Coda

Ooh. ___ Ooh. ___

⊕ Coda ENDING

33 Dm⁷ G C⁵ C G

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. ___ There our hope is se - cure, do not

36 C/E F Dm⁷ G C

fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. ___

MESSAGE

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SONG: **“Sing A New Song”**

- 1 Sing a new song to the LORD, he to whom wonders belong!
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his pow'r! O sing to the LORD a new song!
- 2 Now to the ends of the earth, see, his salvation is shown,
and still he remembers his mercy and truth, unchanging in love to his own.
- 3 Sing a new song and rejoice! Publish his praises abroad!
Let voices in chorus, with trumpet and horn, resound for the joy of the LORD!
- 4 Join with the hills and the sea thunders of praise to prolong!
In judgment and justice he comes to the earth. O sing to the LORD a new song!

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The musical score is written in G major and 8/8 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system (measures 1-2) has chords G and F. The second system (measures 3-4) has chords G, Dm7, G, F, and Em. The third system (measures 6-7) has chords A, Em, F, D7, G, and Dm7. The fourth system (measures 10-11) has chords Am7, D7, G, Am7, Gmaj7, Am7, and a final ending with chord G. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord,
2. Now to the ends of the earth
3. Sing a new song and re-joice,
4. Join with the hills and the sea

he to whom won-ders be-long! Re-joice in his
see his sal-va-tion is shown! And still he re-
pub-lish his prais-es a-broad! Let voic-es in
thun-ders of praise to pro-long! In judg-ment and

tri-umph and tell of his power— O sing to the
members his mer-cy and truth, un-chang-ing in
cho-rus, with trum-pet and horn, re-sound for the
jus-tice he comes to the earth— O sing to the

Lord a new song!
love to his own.
joy of the Lord!
Lord a new song!

THE PRAYERS:

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your dear Son, Jesus Christ - that he fulfilled your law perfectly and suffered and died on our behalf. Have mercy on us for his sake, be patient with us for another year, and bring the world to repentance and saving faith in him.

Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on your church, dear Father. Let it drink from the rock that is Christ, that it may be a fitting and proper gardener in your orchard, leading the world in producing the fruit of repentant faith, holy living, and loving service.

Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, that they may drink from the rock that is Christ and be satisfied. And we pray for those who have plenty, that they find joy in using what they've been given for others.

Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, have mercy.**

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Heavenly Father, you have led us through the water of baptism and fed us with your word and sacraments. Hear our prayers and enable us to stand firm on the rock of Christ Jesus your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE 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.

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BLESSING:

Let us praise our Lord:

Praise God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, + be with you all.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

"God Be With You"

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1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;
dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we
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Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

GOD BE WITH YOU
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MATINS SERVICE [LSB ADAPTED]

March 20, 2022 + 11 AM Service

OPENING HYMN: "Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain"

LSB # 435

**Come to Calvary's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain, flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Saviour died.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission, here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore; all who drink shall thirst no more.**

**All who drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never, break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when He was glorified.**

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SPOKEN MATINS RESPONSES:

O Lord, open my lips!

And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son + and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ;

Lamb of our salvation!

Blessed be God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Oh come, let us worship Him.

PRAISE PSALM VENITE

COME, LET US SING

Psalm 95: 1-6

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**O come, and sing unto the Lord, come blend your voice toward Him Who saves.
with thankful hearts we enter now, to offer songs of glorious praise.**

**Our saving Lord is a great God a pow'ful King above all gods.
His steady hands embraces earth; The mountain peaks display His worth.**

**The sea and land divinely placed, our Maker, bow before His face,
His pasture nourishes all sheep, He'll shepherd, guard and safely keep.**

**All praise and glory be to You, the Father, Son and Spirit, Who,
Protects and shelters us from fear, His holy name this day revere.**

(Hymn version of Psalm 96; Tune: "All Praise To Thee!" LSB # 883)

Blessed be God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Oh come, let us worship Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord, hear my prayer -- **And let me cry come before You:**

We pray: Almighty God, gracious Father, Your Kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of Your only Son. Help us to hear Your Word and keep it, and bring Your saving love to fruition in our lives of faith. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 63:1-8

O God, you are my God, I seek you,

my soul thirsts for you;

my flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

when I think of you on my bed,

and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

GOD'S WORD

The Old Testament: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Lo, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

[St. Paul writes:] I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the

ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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SPOKEN LENTEN GOSPEL VERSE:

Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God!

The Holy Gospel: *St. Luke 13:1-9*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SPOKEN RESPONSORY:

We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the Atonement for our sins.

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are put away.

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OFFICE HYMN:

“We Cannot Measure”

Irish – Hosea 6 text

1	We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer’s prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.		the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.
		3	So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.
2	The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends		

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MESSAGE

LENTEN MATINS CANTICLE: "Revive Your Work" -- Hosea 6:1-6 [Blest Be The Tie Tune]

- 1 Revive Your work, O Lord, Your mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make Your people hear.
- 2 Revive Your work, O Lord, disturb this sleep of death;
revive the smould'ring embers now, by Your almighty breath.
- 3 Revive Your work, O Lord, create soul-thirst for You;
and hung'ring for the Bread of Life-- O may our lives be true.
- 4 Revive Your work, O Lord, exalt Your precious name;
and, by Your Holy Spirit, love for You our hearts inflame.

Albert Midlane, 1858, Trinity Psalter, public domain

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
4 When we are called to part, it gives us
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

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**Or "Maker's"*

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

THE PRAYERS

SPOKEN KYRIE:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your dear Son, Jesus Christ - that he fulfilled your law perfectly and suffered and died on our behalf. Have mercy on us for his sake, be patient with us for another year, and bring the world to repentance and saving faith in him. *Let us pray to the Lord; Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on your church, dear Father. Let it drink from the rock that is Christ, that it may be a fitting and proper gardener in your orchard, leading the world in producing the fruit of repentant faith, holy living, and loving service.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, + be with you all.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

LSB # 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, ev’rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.**

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