

# You're Welcome...



Lent 1: March 9, 2025



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# The Liturgy of Holy Communion

9:00 AM



GATHERING

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Dawn Hymn*, Alan Hovhaness

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Most merciful God,

**C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

*(please stand)*

**The Entrance Hymn:** #322 O LOVE, HOW DEEP

## Apostolic Greeting

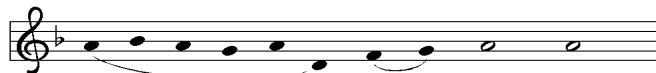
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**

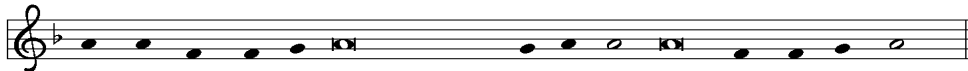
# Kyrie:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



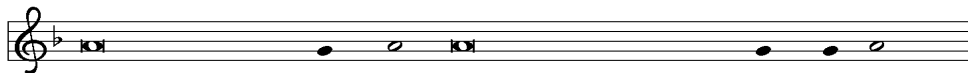
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



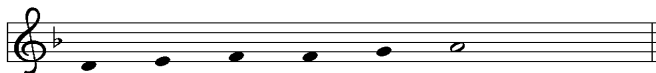
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



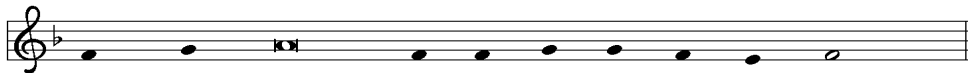
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



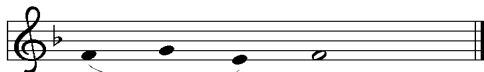
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

## The Prayer of the Day

P. O Lord God,

**C. you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. 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**

*(please be seated)*

## WORD

### The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

L. The Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty--  
<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**

**I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.**

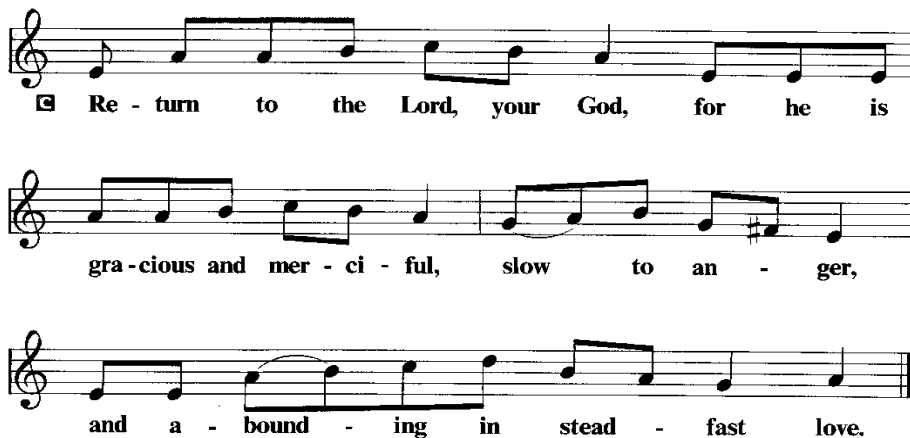
## The Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);  
<sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses  
with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to  
shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is  
generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

## The Lenten Sentence



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is  
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,  
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## The Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

P. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C. Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,  
<sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when  
they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this  
stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread  
alone.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the  
devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me,  
and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered  
him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to  
Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God,  
throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to  
protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a  
stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil  
had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

*(please be seated)*

**The Sermon:** Rev. Mark Luscombe

*[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]*

*(please stand)*

**The Hymn of the Day: WHEN WE ARE TESTED**



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

**Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## The Prayers

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

(Kneel) (after each petition, please respond)

A. God, in your mercy, **C. receive our prayer.**

P. Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C. Amen**

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C. And also with you!**

## MEAL

**The Offering:** *Brother James Air*, Gilbert Martin

(please stand)

**The Offertory:** "Create in Me..."

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

## The Offertory Prayer

A. Merciful God,

**C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**


P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

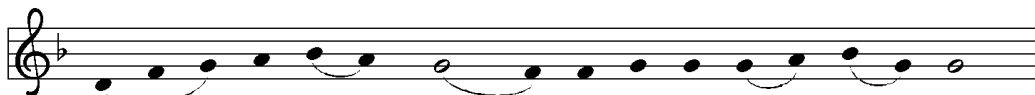
## Preface for Lent

P. "It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.....join their unending hymn."


## The Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,




heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P. With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the  
time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men

## The Fraction

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

C. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

## Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

*(please be seated)*

## The Distribution

*[All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful].*

#325 I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

#319 O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

#345 JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW

#324 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

#542 O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

### The Blessing of Communicants

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

C. Amen

## Post Communion Canticle:

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

That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;

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

Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my gio - ry and sal - va - tion!

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

P. We give you thanks almighty God,

**C. that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **The Benediction**

P. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

### **The Dismissal**

A. Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** *He Leadeth Me*, Gilbert Martin

**We welcome Eileen Laurence. Thank you for your musical leadership today.**

**OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY**

**ASSISTING MINISTERS**

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

**LECTOR**

9:00 Mike Sernoffsky

**COUNCIL TEAM**

9:00 John Fuehrer, Elaine Sernoffsky

**ACOLYTES**

9:00 CH: Norm Wangman

**AV**

Live Stream

**Launder Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Deliver Flowers:** Dan Doremus

**ALTAR GUILD**

9:00 Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

**USHERS**

9:00 Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader,  
Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

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**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR  
FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

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✠ To the glory of God.

## Prayers of the People

The family of Doris Randall

Barry Kreider – 17 Beech Ct. Ephrata, PA 17522

Brenda Wangman – 445 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Apt. 2, Lititz, PA 17543

Alex Godun – Clay & Charlann Brubaker's son-in-law

Mark Mull – 983 Lincoln Hgts. Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Kurt Fassnacht – 40 Curtis Dr. Red Lion, PA 17356

Brian Sweigart – The Gardens at Stevens, Rm 204, 400 Lancaster Ave. Stevens, PA 17578

John Duing – Bob & Ann Snader's friend

Jill Puleo – Cheryl Plummer's cousin

Carl Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543

Colleen Kresge – friend of Lori Spitzer

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



***If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.***

## CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

COL. Eric Bowers

Jim Weik

Brent Stever

John Surdich

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Dan Wierbiki

Heidi White

Alan & family

Ava Berkosky

Janet Brunner

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Johnny White

Dori Hoch

Amy Pasili

Andrew Campbell

Karen Woerner

Jacob Connelly

Cindy Stahl

Theresa Cimino

Michael Spenrath

Kim Harnish

Sue & Denis Rowe

Grant Hummer

The family of Kim Burke

Tony Perella

Rick Gerhard

Crystal Perry

Martha Becker

Eric Mortorell

Mike & Claudia Belden

Wyatt Geisthweit

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Chris and Karen Payonk

Duke & Bonnie Leeper

Les Doremus

Terry Gehman

Alysha Fassnacht

Sheldon Garman

Henry Perella