

Love & the Heart of God



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

COVENANT PROMISES - LOVE & THE HEART OF GOD

MARCH 17, 2024



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

GIVE US YOUR HEART

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 148$

F

F/A



1. Your eyes are on the low - ly though oth - ers look a - way. Your



feet run to the bro - ken. Your hands are quick to save. Make us like You Lord.

VERSE 2

11

C

F

F/A



2. You walk with the for - got - ten and of - fer them a home. A -



dopt - ing the un - want - ed and call - ing them Your own. Make us like

CHORUS 1a

22

Dm

C

Bb

F

Dm



You Lord. O give us Your heart. O give us Your heart.

28

C

Bb

F

Dm



Let the light of heav - en shine as we step in - to the dark.

32 C B \flat F Dm C
 O give us Your heart. O give us Your heart. All to see
 37 B \flat Dm C Am7 B \flat
 Your king - dom come and death de - part. O give us Your heart.
 Dm C Am7 B \flat Dm C
 42 O give us Your heart. 2nd time to Coda Φ 2. You

VERSE 2

F F/A B \flat
 walk with the for - got - ten and of - fer them a home, a - dopt - ing the un - want-
 54 Dm C B \flat Dm
 ed and call - ing them Your own. Make us like You Lord.
 59 C F/A B \flat Dm C D.S. al Coda
 Make us like You Lord. O give

BRIDGE

65 Φ Coda B \flat Dm C
 Let jus - tice flow like a riv - er in the des - ert. Let the
 70 B \flat Dm C B \flat
 na - tions know that You will reign for - ev - er. As the earth be - holds
 75 Dm C B \flat Dm
 the glo - ry of the Sav - ior. Let jus - tice flow.

(1) | 2 CHORUS 1b

81 C C B \flat

Let (flow.) O give us Your heart.

86 F Dm C B \flat F

O give us Your heart. Let the light of heav - en shine as we step

91 Dm C B \flat F Dm

in - to the dark. O give us Your heart. O give us Your heart.

96 C B \flat Dm C Am7

All to see Your king - dom come and death de - part. O give us Your

101 B \flat Dm C Am7 *Play 3 times* B \flat Dm

heart. O give us Your heart.

107 C

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ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence For Reflection

L: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

L: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE WORD

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM

PSALM 119:9-16

L: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

C: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

L: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

C: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

L: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

C: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

L: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

C: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

1 Give me oil in my lamp
Keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp I pray
Give me oil in my lamp keep me
burning
Keep me burning till the break of day

Chorus

Chorus
Sing hosanna sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King

2 Give me joy in my heart
Keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart I pray
Give me joy in my heart keep me
praising
Keep me praising till the break of day

Chorus

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

CANDACE PERKOLA

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTIVE SONG

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the twelfth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

KRIS PERKOLA, MTS



HYMN OF THE DAY

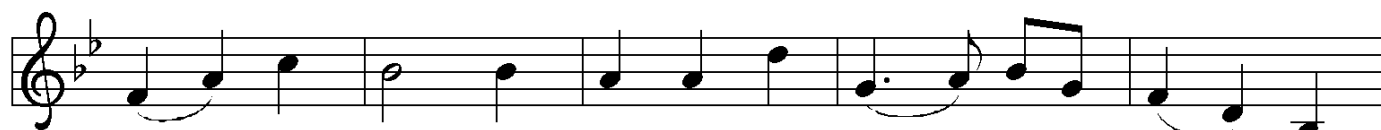
I Bind unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

Continued on next page.....



2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues



faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -



Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the



burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing



up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the



day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.



4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

5 I bind un-to my-self the name, the strong name of the

Trin-i-ty by in-vo-ca-tion of the same, the

Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na-ture has cre-

a-tion, e-ter-nal Fa-ther, Spir-it, Word. Praise to the

Lord of my sal-va-tion; sal-va-tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. Patrick, 372-466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, sts. 1-3, 5: Irish melody. DEIRDRE, st. 4: Irish melody

APOSTLES' CREED (*Please stand*)

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 into hell. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Congregation standing*)

L: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. Let us pray,

Each petition shall conclude with:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

L: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - 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, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

COMMUNION BLESSING (*Congregation standing*)

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

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION (*Congregation standing*)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Come Thou Fount Come Thou King

$\text{♩} = 72$ S **VERSE**

D A/D D^{SUS}



1. Come, Thou _ Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart _ to sing Thy _
(2. I was) _ lost in ut - ter dark - ness 'til You came _ and res - cued _
(3. O to) _ grace, how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm _ con - strained to _

4 D A/D D^{SUS}



grace; Streams of _ mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs _ of loud - est _
me; I was _ bound by all my sin when Your love came _ and set me _
be; Let Thy _ good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to _

8 D



praise; Teach me _ some me - lo - dious son - net sung by _
free; Now my _ soul can sing a new _ song, now my _
Thee; Prone to _ wan - der, Lord, I feel _ it, prone to _

11



flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the _ mount, I'm fixed up -
heart has found a home; Now Your _ grace is al - ways
leave the God I love; Here's my _ heart, Lord, take and

14 A/D Last time to Coda 1. G²/B A/C# D INSTRUMENTAL

-on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
with me, and I'll
seal it, seal it

18 D^{sus} D 2. G²/B A/C# D

2. I was nev - er be a - lone.

22 CHORUS G D/F# G

— Come, Thou Fount, come Thou King, come Thou pre - cious Prince of

26 D/F# D/A Bm D/F# Gmaj⁹ 1. A^{sus}

Peace; Hear Your bride, to You we sing; Come Thou Fount of our bless -

30 D 2. A^{sus} INSTRUMENTAL D

-ing; Come, Thou Fount of our bless - ing.

33 D^{sus} D D.S. al Coda

3. O, to —

36 Coda G²/B A/C# D D^{sus} INSTRUMENTAL

for Thy courts a - bove.

40 D D^{sus}

44 1. D 2. D CHORUS G D/F#

Come, Thou ... Fount, come Thou King, come Thou

48 G D/F# D/A Bm D/F# Gmaj⁹

pre - cious Prince of Peace; Hear Your bride, to You we sing; Come Thou

52 1. A^{sus} D 2. A^{sus} D ENDING

Fount of our bless - ing; Come, Thou Fount of our bless - ing.

56 D^{sus} 1. D 2. D

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

L: On this St. Patrick's Day, let us remember that God is calling us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus near and far. May we be unified in the purpose of sharing this story of the wonderful love God has shown us through Jesus with service to others and by....

C: Inviting a friend to worship!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources. A digital copy of "The Light" can be found on our Website at epiphanysuwanee.org



Join us for Holy Week Services
March 24th through March 31st

Palm Sunday.....9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday.....Noon & 7:30pm

Good Friday.....Noon & 7:30pm

Easter Sunrise (Suwanee Town Center)... 7am

Easter Services (Epiphany).....9am & 11am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10am



Sunday Worship Services,
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (in-person and online)

Wednesdays
Mid-Week In-Person Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.

Ministers: The People of God
Pastor: Chris Hermansen
Interim Associate of Youth Ministry: Kris Perkola
Director of Worship and Music: Michael Parker
Worship Production: Steve Belfield
Worship Accompanist: Bill Nunes
Treasurer: Matt Ilgen



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