

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The word “Lent” conjures up a variety of images and feelings and is often understood as no feasting, no parties, no fun, and a requirement to go to confession, fast on certain days, and give up something for the season. Figuring out what to “give up” is often a challenge and many people get stuck here, but the ultimate purpose of Lent is to strengthen our spiritual lives. During this time, we are asked to quiet down our busy lives and pray more to consider the ways we need to repent, or in other words, to turn around and become closer to God. Taking on a spiritual practice, giving alms, and helping those in need during these forty days are ways that we may prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

The liturgical color is **purple**.

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OPENING HYMN: Now Let Us All With One Accord

Please stand as you are able



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own im - age were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



KYRIE

The musical score consists of three staves, each with a 'Cantor' part on the left and an 'Assembly' part on the right. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy.', 'Christ, have mer - cy.', and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a dotted quarter note followed by a quarter note, and a half note at the end of each phrase.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

*Next Week's Reader: **Nora Heath***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show

you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON *Sung both before and after the psalm during Lent*



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want." The first line of music covers the first two phrases, the second line covers the second two phrases, and the third line covers the final phrase.

RESPONSE Psalm 23 – *Dominus regit me*

¹The Lord is my shepherd;*

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures*

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

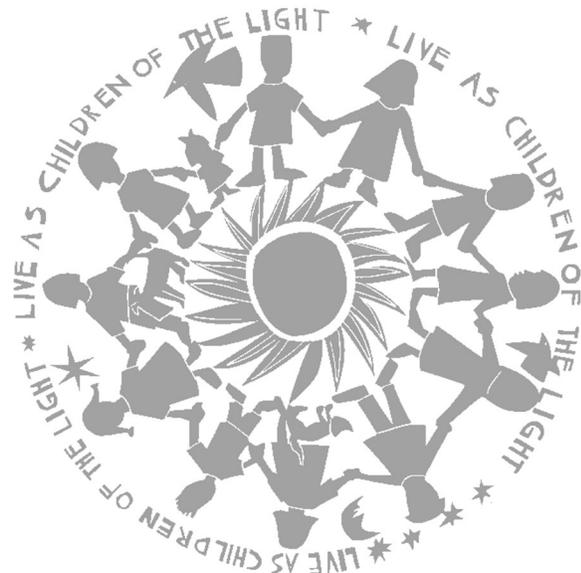
Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

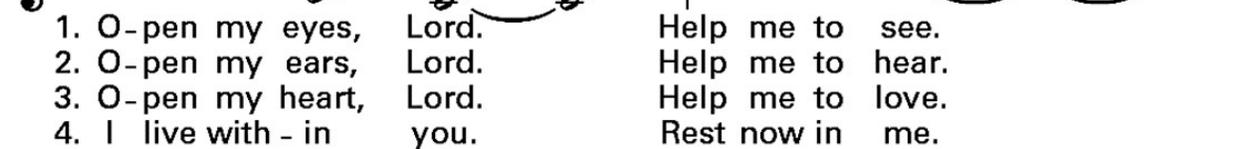


GOSPEL HYMN: Open My Eyes, Lord

Please stand as you are able



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such

signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to 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, and 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 give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader During this Lenten season of self-examination, repentance, fasting, prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving, we offer our prayers to God, saying:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the Christian church of God throughout the world, that all its members may turn to the Lord and keep a holy Lent.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the people of Iran at this time of fear and uncertainty. May God's love be with the most vulnerable as hardship and retaliation follow in the wake of these ongoing attacks.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for our nation in a time of crisis, and continue to keep in our prayers the families of all those slain by ICE. May all who serve in immigration enforcement honor the dignity of every person they encounter.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the victims of warfare and unrest, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela, and for refugees around the world, that their mourning may be turned into joy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the nations of the world, that those in authority will hear, see, and feel the love of God in their lives; may they work toward peace and reconciliation with all people and countries.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of racism, fear, or anti-immigrant sentiment, and we pray for an end to this type of violence and behavior.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for all who are in need of a safe place to live, for those who need food on the table, and for those who need protection and companionship.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for all people suffering with physical, emotional, and mental illness, as well as their families and caretakers; we pray too for those who are grieving, and for those who have died.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of our Grace family, and for those on our prayer list. Are there others?

Bless, comfort, and protect all those for whom we pray.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray for the children in our lives and in our world: Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Grant us for the love of you to make no peace with oppression, to fear no adversity, and to have no tolerance for those who would use their power to abuse or exploit.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant:

God our creator, you are constantly and unconditionally loving us even when we stray from you. Hear our prayers and guide us into the way of your peace. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: Beloved, God's Chosen

1., 3. Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put
2. With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to

on as a gar - ment com - pas - sion, for -
dwell in you rich - ly; let peace rule your

give - ness, and good - ness of heart. A -
hearts and that peace be of Christ. And

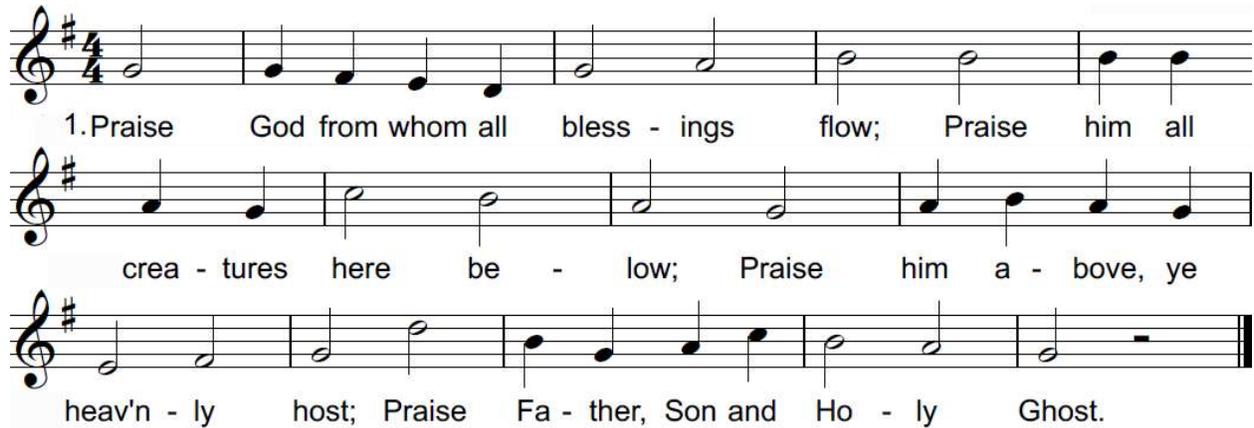
bove all, be - fore all, let love be your
from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and

rai - ment that binds in - to one ev - 'ry
ho - ly, let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to

dis - so - nant part.
God ev - er rise.

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are able



1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

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

Celebrant continues:

It is truly right to glorify you, God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant continues:

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

For you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. He lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

On the night before he died, while he was at supper with his friends, he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

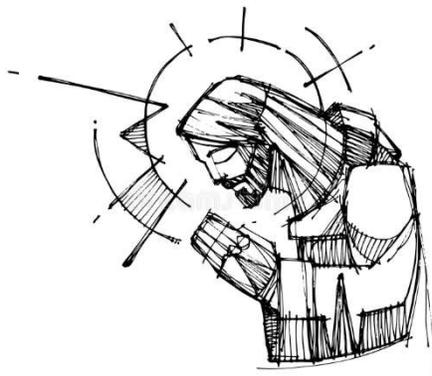
We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.

Celebrant continues:

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

For it is through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, that all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

FRACTION: Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break
bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The image shows a musical score for three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line.

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Please be seated

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

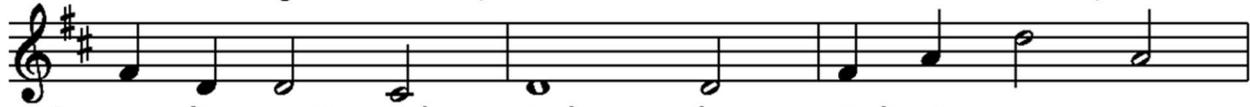
Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



COMMUNION HYMN: My Shepherd, Lord



1. My Shep-herd, Lord, you give to me my
2. You guide me by true paths of vir - tue
3. You lay be - fore me your great feast; you
4. With good-ness you have fa - vored me; you



1. ev - 'ry want and need. In mead-ows green, your
2. to ex - alt your name. Though pass - ing through the
3. greet me with em - brace. You dress my head and
4. care e - ter - nal - ly. Your hand of kind - ness



1. wa - ters flow in - to my soul with peace. Good
2. shad-owed val - ley I will fear no harm. For
3. bless my heart with pre-cious oils of love. You
4. touch - es me and com-forts me al - ways. My



1. Shep-herd, Lord, in you I rest, For - ev - er blest, in - deed!
2. you are with me, Shep-herd God; Your staff and rod, I claim!
3. fill my cup, you fill my soul With o - ver-flow - ing grace!
4. Shep-herd, Lord, I shall a - dore You through e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

Celebrant and People say together:

During Lent we ask you, O God, to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts as well, to be ready at Easter for your risen life in us. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

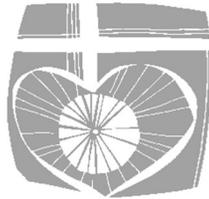
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth renewed for the Lenten journey with our eyes fixed upon Jesus and his walk to Jerusalem, where he will be crucified and raised from the dead!

People **Thanks be to God.**



The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Jasmine Gardner; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Basse; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gheresi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Vickie Rose; Kristi Frangedakis; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Tom Burns; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?

Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:00

Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, curbside pickup
Serving from 250-500 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:
586-465-4573***

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Please send all bulletin submissions to
bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org***

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend

each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

The first part of our Lenten Study Series is watching and discussing Season 5 of "The Chosen." We're watching the eight episodes on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the Guild Room. This season focuses on the triumphal Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem and goes through all of the Holy Week events.

The second component focuses on a discussion of white Christian nationalism which will meet **Sundays** at **noon** through Palm Sunday. We'll watch a video documentary the first week and explore readings from *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism* by Carter Heyward. Participate in one or both activities for lively discussion as we prepare for Easter.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Meet in ALC's Fellowship Hall at **5:30 PM** on **Wednesdays** in Lent to share homemade soups, crackers, bread, and cookies, followed by a Lenten service at **6:30 PM**. This year's theme for Lenten services is "Prayer Around the World."

If you'd like to contribute a favorite soup or a batch of cookies, plan on making between 20-25 servings of soup and/or about 2 dozen cookies. Please bring them to ALC by 5 PM that Wednesday. Contact Nancy Boeck at 248-703-0861 or Donna Pretzer at 586-549-2908 with any questions.

ASPIRE WITH ALC

This Christian women's event was created out of the desire and need for women to enjoy a night out with fellowship and spiritual growth. One night of three hours full of laughter, learning, stories, and music with three women taking the stage. ALC women attended last year, and it was so fabulous, we're going again!

This year's Aspire is on **Friday, April 17** at 7 PM (doors open at 6) at the Frankenmuth Bible Church, 210 S. Main Street in Frankenmuth. VIP tickets are \$45.85. The speakers are Bible teacher Barb Roose, comedian Christy Conder, and musician Jaime Jamgochian. We'll carpool from the ALC parking lot and leave early to have an early dinner at Bavarian Inn before the event. If interested in attending, contact Donna Pretzer at 586-549-2908. The

deadline for registration is **Monday, March 23**. See <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

MORE ALC EVENTS

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for more info on upcoming and ongoing events at American Lutheran. There's a lot to choose from!

SAVE THE DATE: MUSICAL BINGO

Get ready for a fun night at church on **Saturday, April 25!** We're planning a Musical Bingo event and would love your help. If you're interested in volunteering or have ideas to share, please see or contact Margaret Morgan. Stay tuned for more details—and don't forget to mark your calendar!

For People Living Under Violence, Repression, and Slow-Moving Disasters

God of **steadfast presence**, you call us to humble ourselves and **promise to hear** the prayers offered according to your will. Amid war and rising tensions in our world, **we remember those** whose suffering **rarely reaches the headlines**—people living under violence, repression, and slow-moving disasters. **Comfort the afflicted**. Strengthen those who endure injustice, and **stir the conscience** of the global community that **the forgotten may be remembered**. Let your Spirit intercede with **sighs too deep for words**, and draw near to all who cry out for help. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
