

2020 Lenten Worship Booklet



To be used each Sunday during Lent. Please
leave with the ushers after the service.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The **Lord's Supper** is open to all who wish to participate, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. We serve gluten free bread, which will be placed in your hand; and we serve red wine and white grape juice in small cups. Follow the ushers directions.
- + Our expectation is that **children** will be in worship. We understand that your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" in the inner lobby with quiet toys. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

LENT & EASTER DATES

Ash Wednesday—February 26
Noon and 7:00 pm Worship with imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Movie Showing McFarland, USA—February 29
2:00 and 5:00 om

First Sunday in Lent—March 1
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Second Sunday in Lent—March 8
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Third Sunday in Lent—March 15
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 22
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 29
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Palm Sunday—April 5
8:30 and 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion.

Prayer Around the Cross—April 8
7:00 pm worship with candle light and music

Maundy Thursday—April 9
Noon and 7:00 pm Worship with Hand Washing and Holy Communion

Good Friday—April 10
7:00 pm Worship with Coral Cantata

Easter Sunday—April 12
7:00, 8:30, & 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
8:00am-10:45am—Easter Breakfast

Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1)
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 Vespers

This year's movie: **McFarland, USA**

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About Lent

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26) and lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays which are “little Easters”). The English word *Lent* is a shortened form of the Old English word *lencten*, meaning “spring season.” This liturgical season is a time for reflection, repentance (turning back to), affirmation of our baptisms, deepening of our spiritual practices, in short a time for rebirth and renewal. For us in the Northern Hemisphere these are themes we associate with the coming spring time. It is a time to prepare ourselves for Easter through a rehearsing of the story of Jesus’ arrest, suffering, crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

Holy Week worship begins with Palm Sunday (April 5). This is the day that we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his quick betrayal. There is no real benediction since we understand that we are in worship the entire week as one long worship service. Wednesday we will have prayer around the cross, Maundy (Latin for command) Thursday we are taught about the giving of the command to love one another and the institution of the Lord’s Supper. Good Friday we gather to hear the story of Jesus’ suffering and death.

The expectation is that the worshipping community experiences this story together to prepare for the Easter Season.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

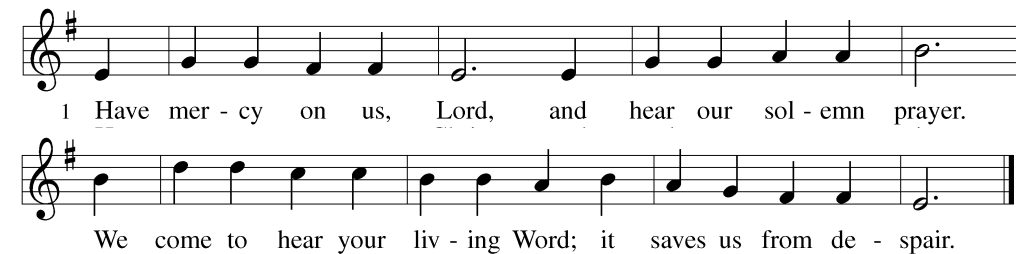
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WELCOME

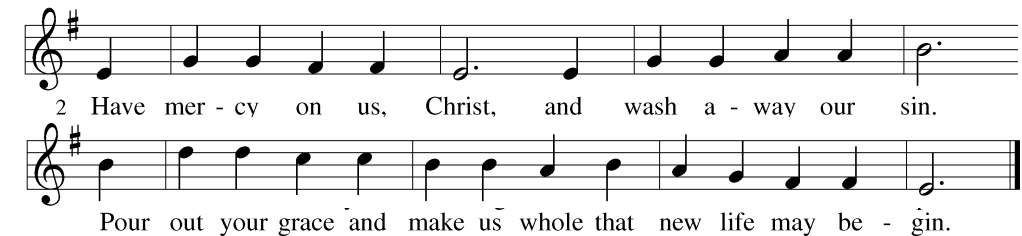
A MEDITATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.



Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.



Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.
Amen.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GREETING

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

OPENING HYMN: *See insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *See insert*

ANTHEM: *See insert*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WELCOMING THE WORD

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE WORD: *See insert.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *See insert.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: *See insert.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which
sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in
this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking,
spoken, and inspiring, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in
peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *See insert*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *See insert*

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LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God’s love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

WHO MAY COMMUNE? *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words “for you” really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
Each prayer will end with: Hear us, O God.
Congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

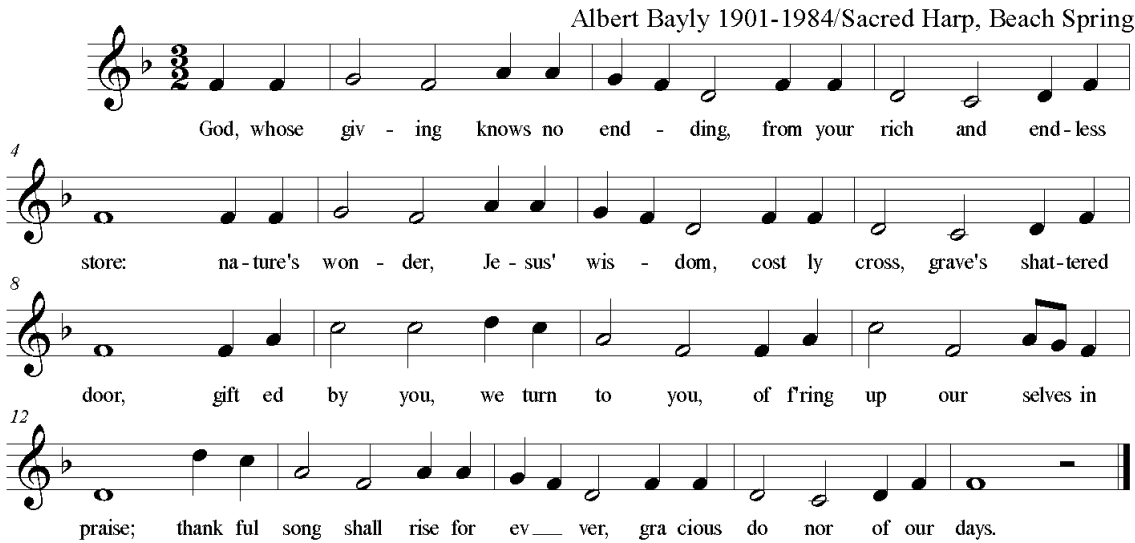
PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: *See insert*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Albert Bayly 1901-1984/Sacred Harp, Beach Spring



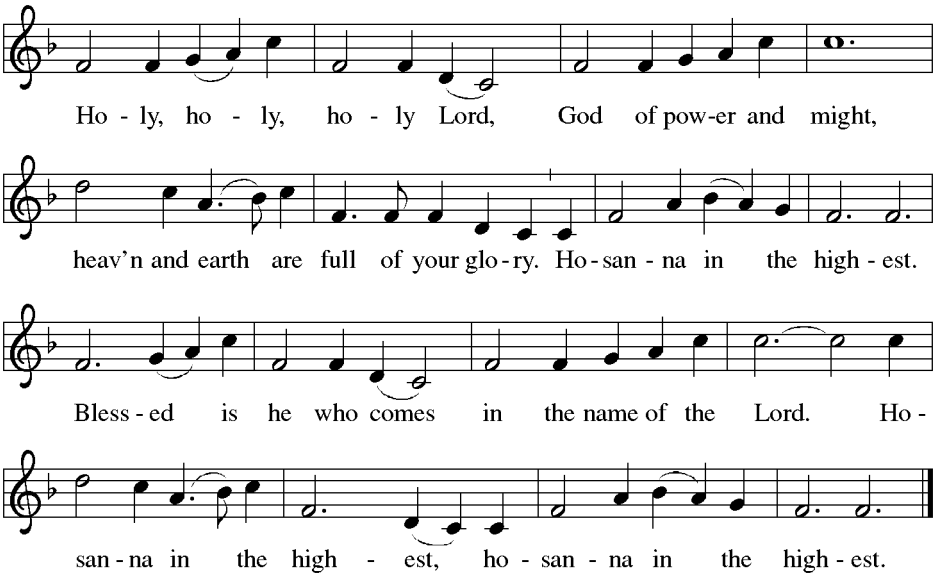
God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ding, from your rich and end - less
store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost ly cross, grave's shat - tered
door, gift ed by you, we turn to you, of f'ring up our selves in
praise; thank ful song shall rise for ev - er, gra cious do nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide ... all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen