

March 22, 2020
Livestream Worship



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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.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

WELCOME

DIALOGUE



☐ O Lord, open my lips, ☑ and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

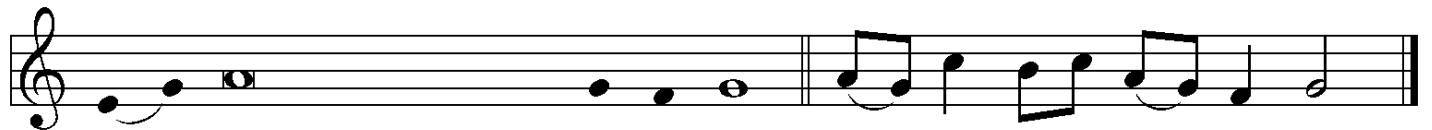


☑ Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

PSALMODY



☐ Give glory to God, our light and our life. ☑ Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.




☑ Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal -



va - tion. ☐ Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. ☐ For the Lord is a great God



and a great king a-bove all gods. Ⅰ In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth;




the heights of the hills are al - so his. Ⅱ The sea is his, for he made it;



and his hands have mold-ed the dry land. Ⅰ Oh, come, let us bow



down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak - er. Ⅱ For he




is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.



☩ Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A - men



☪ Give glory to God, our light and our life. ☩ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

MEDITATION

“Spring”, by Mary Oliver

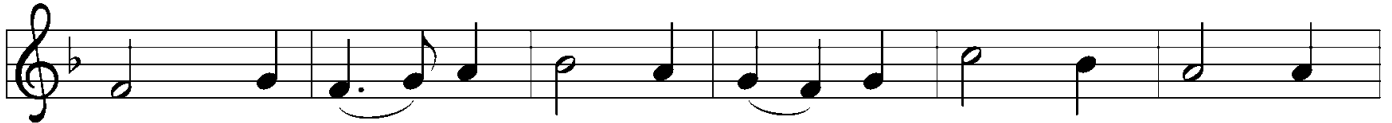
And here is the serpent again,
dragging himself out from his nest of darkness
his cave under the black rocks,
his winter-death.

He slides over the pine needles.
He loops around the bunches of rising grass,
looking for the sun.

Well, who doesn't want the sun after the long winter?
I step aside,
he feels the air with his soft tongue,
around the bones of his body he moves like oil,
downhill he goes
toward the black mirrors of the pond.
Last night it was still so cold
I woke and went out to stand in the yard,
and there was no moon.

So I just stood there, inside the jaw of nothing.
An owl cried in the distance,
I thought of Jesus, how he
crouched in the dark for two nights,
then floated back above the horizon.

GOSPEL HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

THE WORD: MARK 12:28-44

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet." '

³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Word of God.

Word of life.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us. For those that are ill, bring healing. For those who care for the ill, continue to give them strength and courage. For those who are struggling with isolation, comfort them. For us, give us patience and peace. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Song Is Love Unknown (LBW 94)*



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. In the midst of this pandemic encourage our leaders to remember the poor and the powerless in their decision making. People are more precious than profits. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day especially those we name in our hearts now (*silence is held*). In the midst of this pandemic bring healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who desires to be a part of this community, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

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.

OFFERING

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

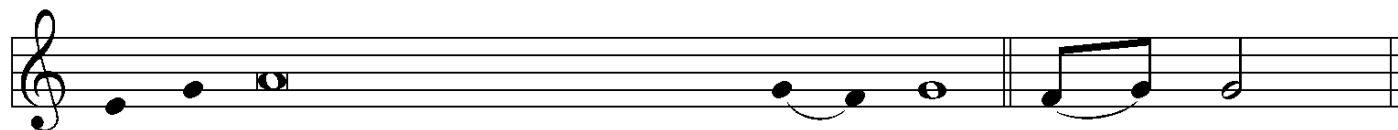
and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BENEDICTION



☐ The al - mighty and merciful Lord, ☑ A - men
 the Father, ✝ the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story* (ELW 661)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

POSTLUDE

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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.

