

Sunday, March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to worship at Shepherd of the Bay. If you are visiting today, Hello! We are so glad you are here. We hope that you will find this community to be a warm and welcoming spiritual home. If you have questions, please ask. If you are interested in a more formal affiliation with Shepherd of the Bay, contact Pastor Honig at sotbpastor@gmail.com.

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - arr. M. Hayes & M. Gaspard - © 1998 Glory Sound
Scott Bourdeau, organ and Judith Jackson, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Congregation recites **bold** print responses.)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In today's service we will hear the story of the Samaritan woman.

It's a well-known story of a woman who, in the heat of the day, meets Jesus at a well and he asks her for a drink.

Every time I read this story, I cannot help but ask myself—when was the last time I drew water for someone? When was the last time I drew water for myself?

So with this same open curiosity, we come to the prayer of confession, trusting that even if we forget our bucket, God will still meet us at the well.

Friends, with that grace in mind, let us pray:

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story.

We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well.

So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors?

How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change?

How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work?

Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day.

It was you. It is still you.

With hope we pray, amen.

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine:

we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God.

This is the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

HYMN 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

KYRIE

CHOIR

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL

Lord, have mer - cy.

CHOIR

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

ALL

Lord, have mer - cy.

CHOIR

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

God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL

Lord, have mer - cy.

CHOIR

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL

Lord, have mer - cy.

CHOIR

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

ALL

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,

you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR *Hush the Ocean Wild* Jonathan D. Campbell (2016 GIA Publications)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of Conversation,

We come to you today thirsty—

thirsty for hope,

thirsty for good news,

thirsty for a glimpse of you.

So today we pray, move in these words like a current.

Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts.

Give us the courage to drink this moment in.

We are listening.

We are grateful.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM REFRAIN

The piano will play the refrain once, then the choir will sing the refrain then the assembly will sing the refrain once and where indicated by the "R".

The choir will sing stanzas 1 & 2. Then the assembly will sing along with the remaining stanzas.

Come, Ring Out Your Joy

Refrain — All

Come, ring out your joy to the Lord!

Come, ring out your joy to the Lord!

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. **R**

- 3 For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.
- 5 The sea is yours, for you made it;
and your hands have molded the dry land. R
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For the Lord is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. R

Text: Psalm 95:1-7a
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SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42
C: Glory to you, O Lord

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P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

APOSTLES' 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.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Congregational response to

P. Merciful God,

C. receive our prayer.

We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Carole** Bergner, **Jeff** Cobb, **Mike** Glowacki, **Carl** Jackson, **Gail** Klima, **Connie** Kretzmann, **Lars** Larsen, **Doris** Loss, **Jan** Peterson, **Carenna** Reisen, **John** Zacek, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you ... (*silence for reflection*) ... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Beach Spring* - H. Livingston Jr. - © 1982 Lorenz Publishing Company

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

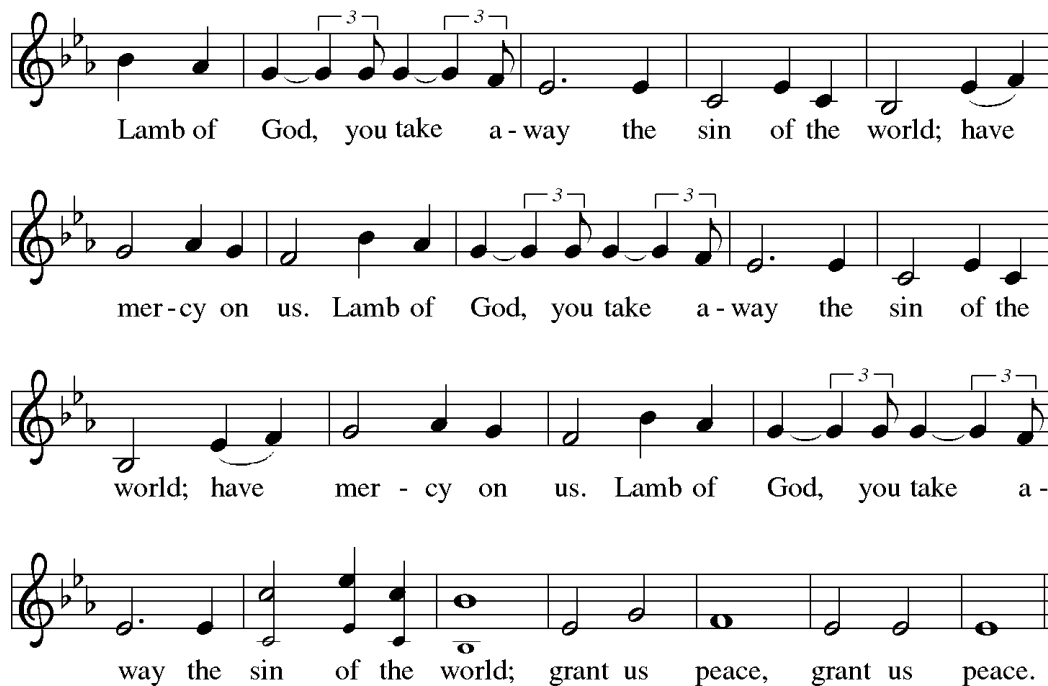
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

About Communion: This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray. If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

HYMN 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HYMN 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Irish Blessing* Joyce Eilers Bacak (1985 Jenson Publications)

POSTLUDE Toccata in E Minor - J. Pachelbel - © 1947 Mercury Music Corporation

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