

Live Stream Worship



Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives.

When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Loving Spirit (Restoration)

Arr. John Carter
James Jelasic

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *from the Font*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Fountain of living water,

C **pour your mercy over us, for our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Reach into our lives through your Holy Spirit. Help us rebuild what we have
ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as justice seekers,
healers, and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P Beloved ones, God hears your desire to be free, and by the saving power of Jesus
Christ, God + forgives you your sins and remembers them no more.
Journey now in the way of Jesus.

C **Following in his footsteps, we will stay close to him—thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW #772
TUNE: AZMON

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

PASTORAL GREETING

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.**

KYRIE Please join the cantor in this call and response.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy God,

C through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

Kathleen Keyes

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community.

The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship.

Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family and property.

God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in

heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

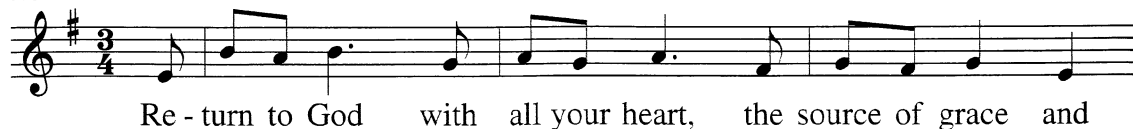
¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Deacon Dianne Johnson

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself is changing.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melanie Coulson

SERMON

Deacon Dianne Johnson

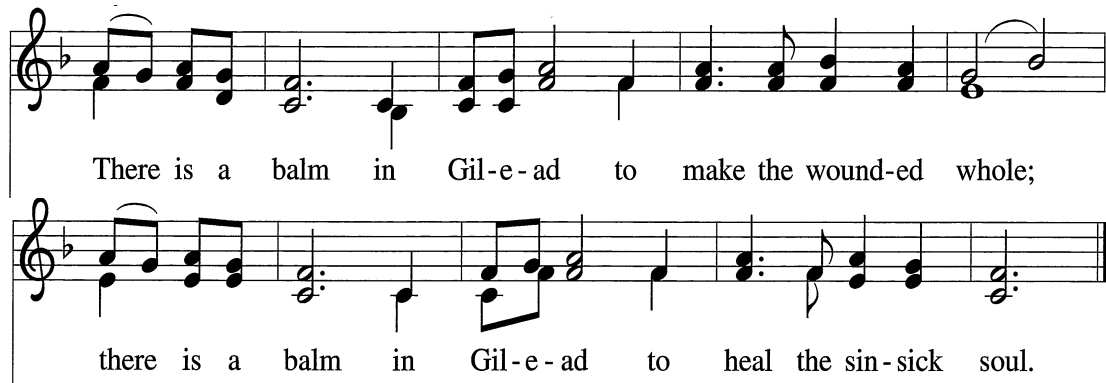
HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou by wisdom, and thou my true word:
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS REFRAIN



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

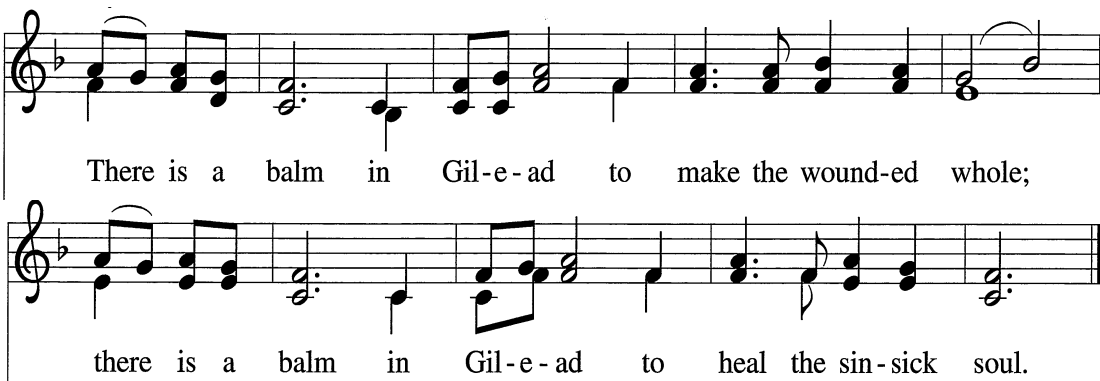
INTERCESSIONS

Sarah Bliss

Petitions are offered that end with:

A We come to you for healing.

C Have mercy, O God.



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW#690

1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and bless - ing you be - stow are
3 Oh, make our bar - ren trees to grow, our

emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring

give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Faithful God,

C **you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*As we prepare for Eucharist, now is the time to gather the elements you've set aside.
Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time,
following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

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.**

P 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, compassionate and vulnerable 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 creation, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
With rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.
Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations,
Through the prophets you renewed your promise, breathing new life into dry bones.
And at this end of the ages, you came among us in Jesus,
joining us in our desert and pouring your life out for the world.

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:

**C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

**C Pour out your spirit on this holy food and all who gather for this feast:
Wash away our sin and quench our thirst,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ!**

P Through him all glory is yours, Almighty and Altender God,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, both now and forever.

C Amen

P Let us boldly pray the words that Jesus gave us:

**C 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

P Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

This is the Body of Christ

Sung through twice

gently

This is the bo - dy of Christ, — bro - ken that we may be

whole; — this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his

word, cra - dles our Lord: — food for the good of the soul. —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Guide My Feet

ACS #987, verses 1-3

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E-Flat Major

Fischer



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Lector: Kathleen Keyes

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Prayers: Sarah Bliss

Production technicians: Joey DiJulio, Dustin Smith, and Scott Sunde

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER DURING LENT @ 7:00pm

Each Wednesday @ 7:00pm we reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, using readings from Mark's gospel and art based on those readings. During a time of great loss, we claim the gospel promise that "*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.*"

Members of Peace can expect a ZOOM invitation in their email inboxes each week on Wednesday afternoon. If you are not a regular constituent of Peace but would like to participate, you may contact Pastor Erik Kindem to request a link to the ZOOM gatherings.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD

Our recent snow storm last weekend caused a huge drop in blood collections. Over 800 donor appointments for whole blood or platelet donation were cancelled over a 3-day period, causing (in that timeframe) Bloodworks Northwest to collect just 52% of the blood components needed to support local patients. This week and next week, they are trying to catch up. Please Help Bloodworks Northwest recover from snow storm blood collection losses by donating blood today! Please visit www.bloodworksnw.org to book your appointment!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The photo directories are here! These will be available in the narthex. There will be a sheet with names on it. If you pick your directory up, please check your name off the list. The rest will be mailed. If you don't want to wait and would like the directory mailed to you, please let Kathleen in the office know.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

We have Lenten devotionals available for every household at Peace. These are also available for pick up. They will be placed on the bench by the 39th street door. Again, please check your name off the list when you pick it up. The rest will be mailed. Let Kathleen know if you want it right away.

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS @ 8:45am

Our current conversation focuses on Isabel Wilkerson book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. If you'd like to join the class via ZOOM, please let Pastor Erik know and he will send you an invitation on Sunday morning.

ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

And do you like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders. Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30. Resumes January 10.

GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth. Log in at 9:45am to play Kahoot and explore the parables of Jesus this month. Grades 6-12.

FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come together and try to make sense of it asking: "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.