

Live Stream Worship



Moses and the Brazen Serpent, Anthony Van Dyke, 1620

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 14, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

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

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

God Loved the World

Jon Lackey, organ

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

God Loved the World

Verses 1-2

ELW #323

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.

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.*

gently

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the first line of the Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics 'KY - RI - E' and a long note for 'E'. The bass staff has a simple accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4.

Cantor: Chri - ste e - lei - son. ALL: CHRI - STE E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the second line of the Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics 'CHRI - STE, CHRI - STE,' and a long note for 'STE'. The bass staff has a simple accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4.

Cantor: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. ALL: KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.

Musical notation for the third line of the Kyrie. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics 'KY - RI - E E - LEI - SON.' and a long note for 'SON.'. The bass staff has a simple accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy,

C **by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9

Graham Johnson

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L Holy wisdom. Holy Word.

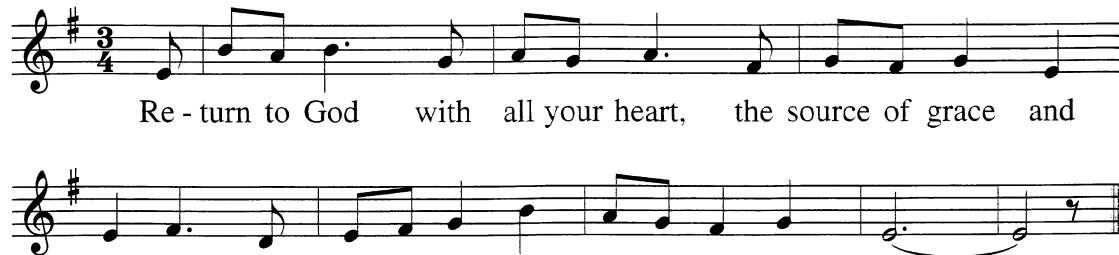
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer-cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

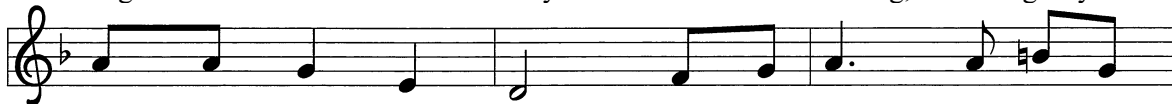
HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Verses 1-4 ELW #334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
 4 Light of life be - yond con - ceiv - ing, might - y



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
 Spir - it of our Lord; give new strength to our be -



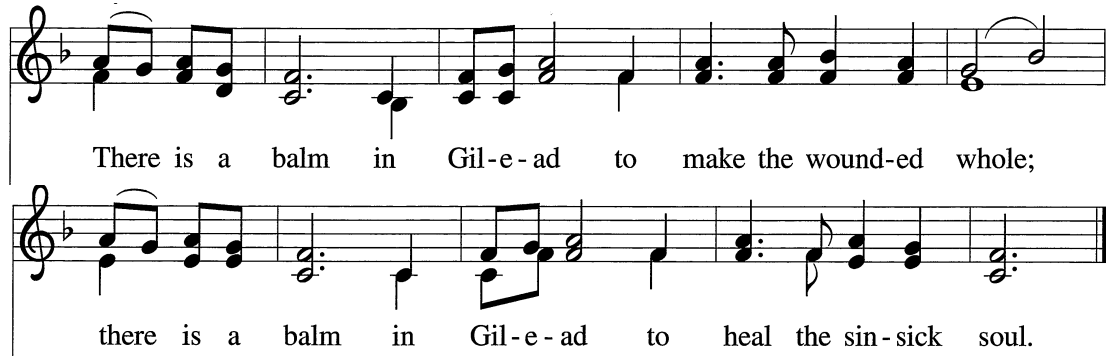
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the
 liev - ing, give us strength to live your word, give us



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.
 strength to live your word.

+ PRAYERS +

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

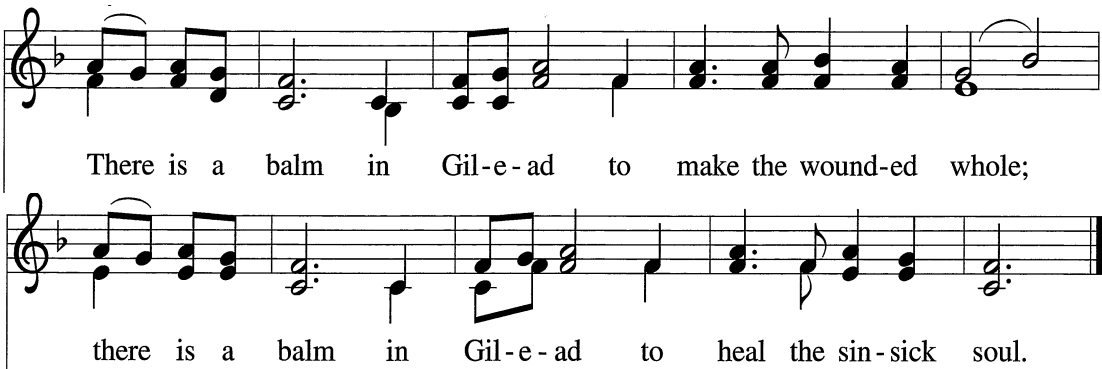
Boots Winterstein

Petitions are offered that end with:

- A We come to you for healing.
- C Have mercy, O God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



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.

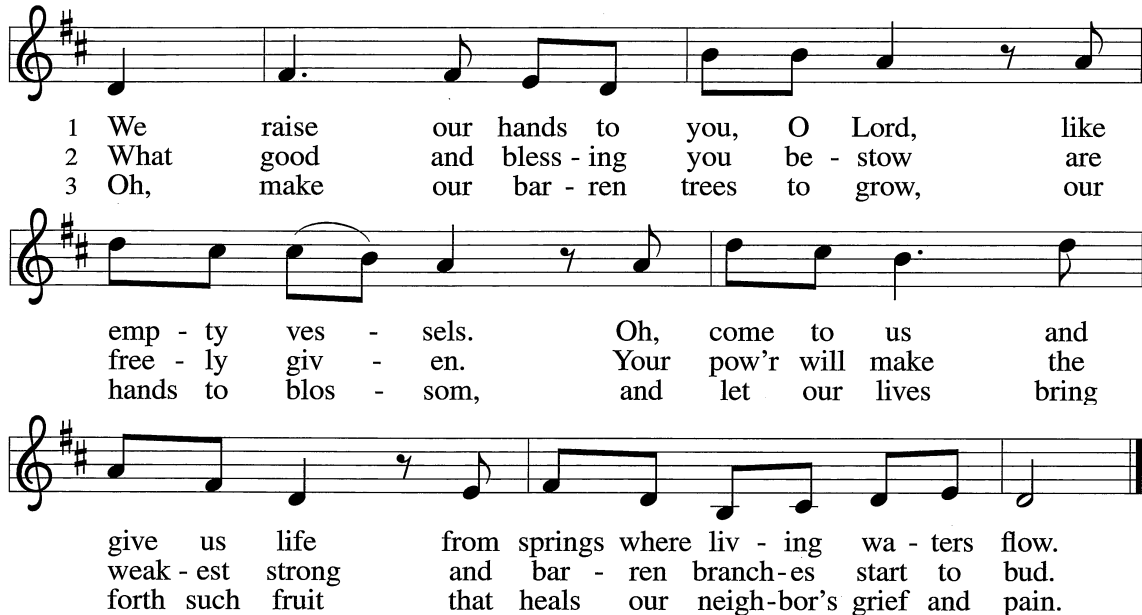
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OFFERTORY

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

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

God Loved the World

Verses 4-5 ELW #323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Chris Kindem, flute



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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.

CALVARY BEQUEST

How can we as a congregation best share the \$3400 we have set aside this year in this special fund? Suggestions made since our Annual Meeting: Rental assistance to help prevent evictions; Make-a-home through Mary's Place -- furnishings for a family moving into stable housing; support Fauntleroy UCC's grant for asylees' medical exams. For more information see March Peace Notes ("Serving Our Neighbor"). Your Social Ministry Team seeks your preferences for any ideas suggested here -- or perhaps you have another ministry or cause to put forward. Please contact any Team member: Heidi Eilers, Ruth Eilers, Jeannette Whitworth, Marcia Olson, Barbara Hillier, Janet Taylor.

Our hope is to bring a recommendation to the Church Council very soon.

NEW LIVE STREAM MANAGER ALEX WREN

Today we welcome new Live Stream Manager Alex Wren to our staff! Moving forward, Alex will take on primary responsibility for the management of our live stream worship experiences. Alex is a native of West Seattle and an experienced producer and educator working in film and theater. Welcome Alex!

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.

Contributors to Today's Service

Preacher: Pastor Erik P. Kindem

Musicians: Minister of Music Jon Lackey, Accompanist James Jelastic

Lector: Graham Johnson

Children's Message: Nicole Klinemeier

Prayers: Boots Winterstein

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