

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 6, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

*Welcome to worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!
Your presence enriches our community.*

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who accompanies us, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn.

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord will uphold and sustain us.

To join our Live Stream @ 10:30am, follow this [LINK](#).

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Robert Lau

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *At the font.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the service begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who joins us in our wilderness
and leads us to our true home.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P God at the margins,

C **We have wandered far from you;
again and again we lose our way.**

**Forgetting your promise of safety and wholeness,
we grasp in vain for things that will satisfy our desires.**

**Turning inward, we lose track of whose we are,
and become captive to the fears that we flee.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us, Lord, and turn our hearts toward you.

P Beloved ones, God hears our longing.

Like a mother hen, God gathers us under her wings of love,
embracing us with tender care.

Like a loving father, God runs to meet us and welcome us home.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

Journey now in the way of Christ.

C **We journey with him as our guide. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW #320, verses 1-2

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.

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

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



A: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C: A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Helen Hundley

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the

LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

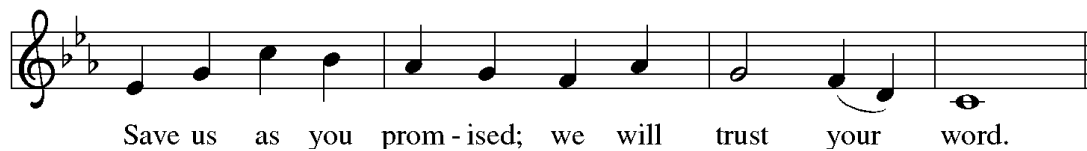
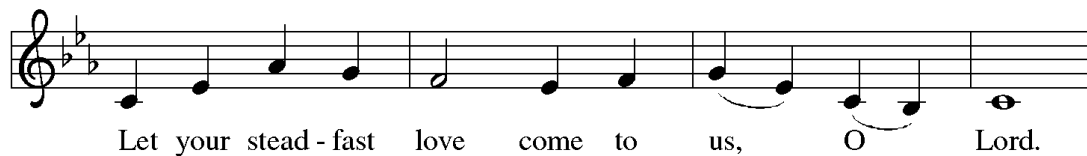
L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nicole Klinemeier

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel*



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-14a

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "The Son of God."

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

When We Are Tested

ACS #922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

+ PRAYERS +

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need..

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**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.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

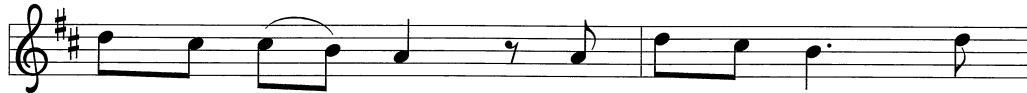
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We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW #690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and blessing you bestow are
3 Oh, make our barren 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

A Let us pray. Faithful God,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty and Altender God, motherly, majestic, and mighty,
+ bless you this day and always.

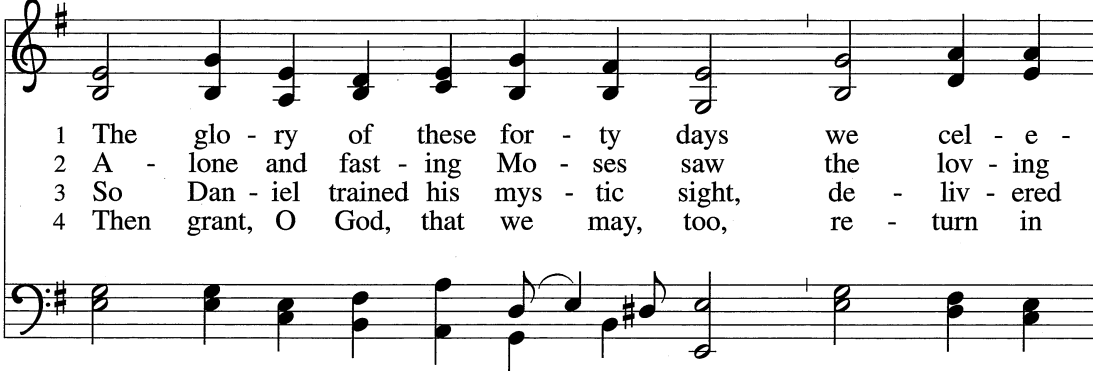
C Amen.

+ SENDING +

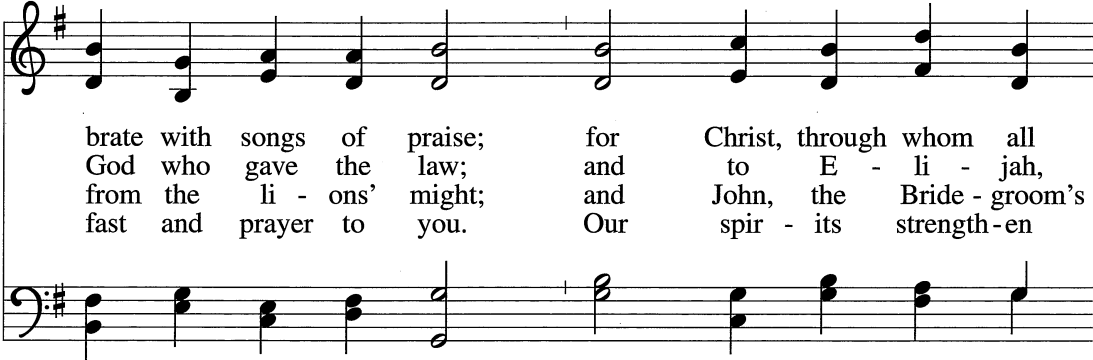
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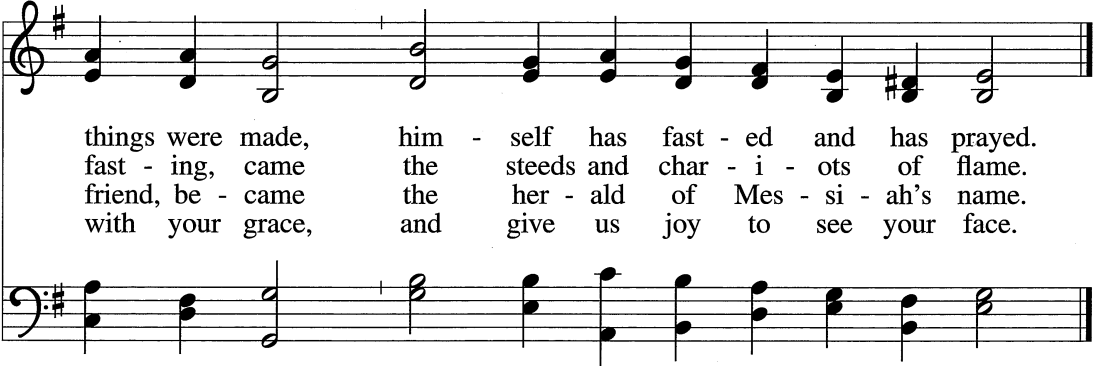
ELW #320, verses 3-4



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C Thanks be to God!


POSTLUDE

Andante in D Minor

Flor Peeters



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DURING THE SEASON OF LENT our Wednesday evening services will focus on five divine attributes drawn from the gospel texts for Lent: faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. These services will take place on ZOOM. Look for a Zoom invite in your email inbox each Wednesday. These brief services will be followed by an opportunity for fellowship for those who desire it.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.



PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki;

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