

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



*The Vinedresser and the Fig Tree, James Tissot (1836-1902)*

## MARCH 20, 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.***

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*



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# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

*Verset*

Alexandre Boëly

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**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW #618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es. songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er-more, ev - er-more, feed me now and ev - er-more.  
 shield me with your might-y arm, might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er-more, ev - er-more, I will raise for - ev - er-more.

## 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.

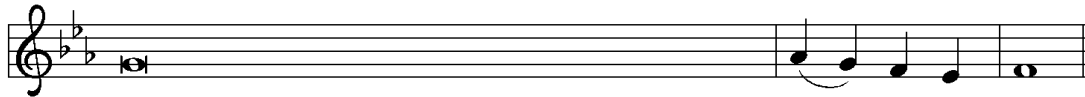
## KYRIE



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



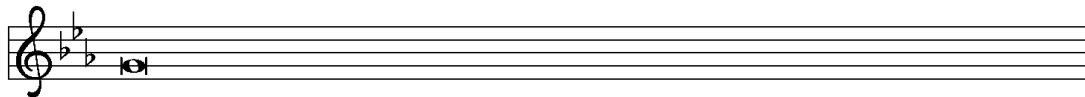
**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



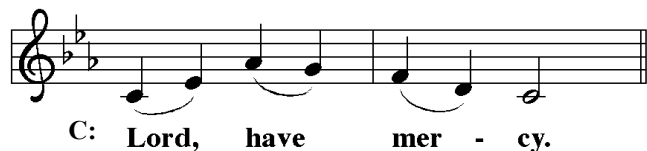
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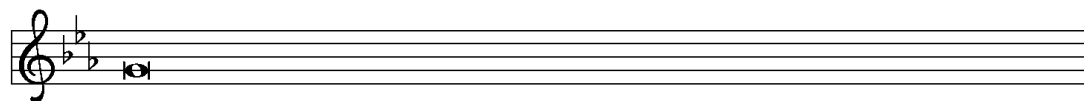
**A:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



C: Lord, have mercy.



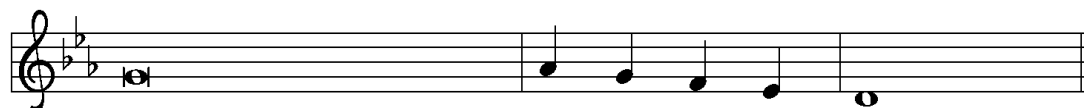
A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mercy.



A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C: Amen, amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: ISAIAH 55:1-9

David Wold

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their native land seems like an unbelievable promise of free food & drink for all who come to the celebration. What is more, those who return to the Lord also enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

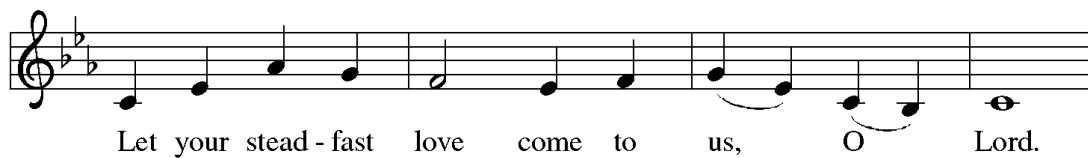
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

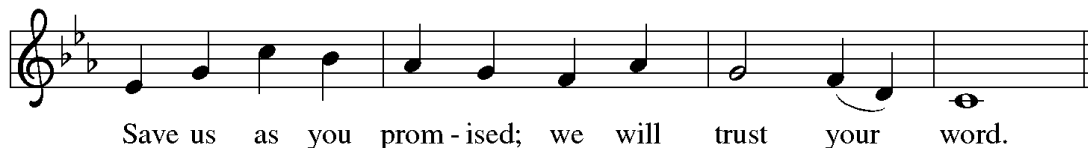
**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Katie Streit

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



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



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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th Chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgement will be tempered by patience.*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

L The Gospel of the Lord.  
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
*There In God's Garden*

ELW #342, verses 1-4

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

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.

C Amen.

## + MEAL +

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

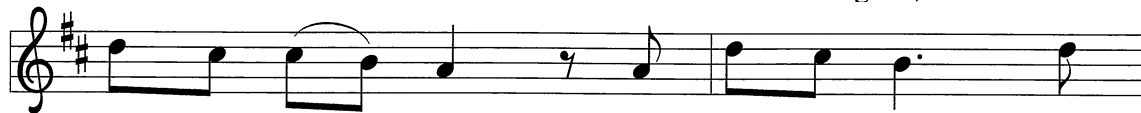
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### OFFERTORY VERSE      *We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord*      ELW #690



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. Extravagant God,

**C you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## 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.

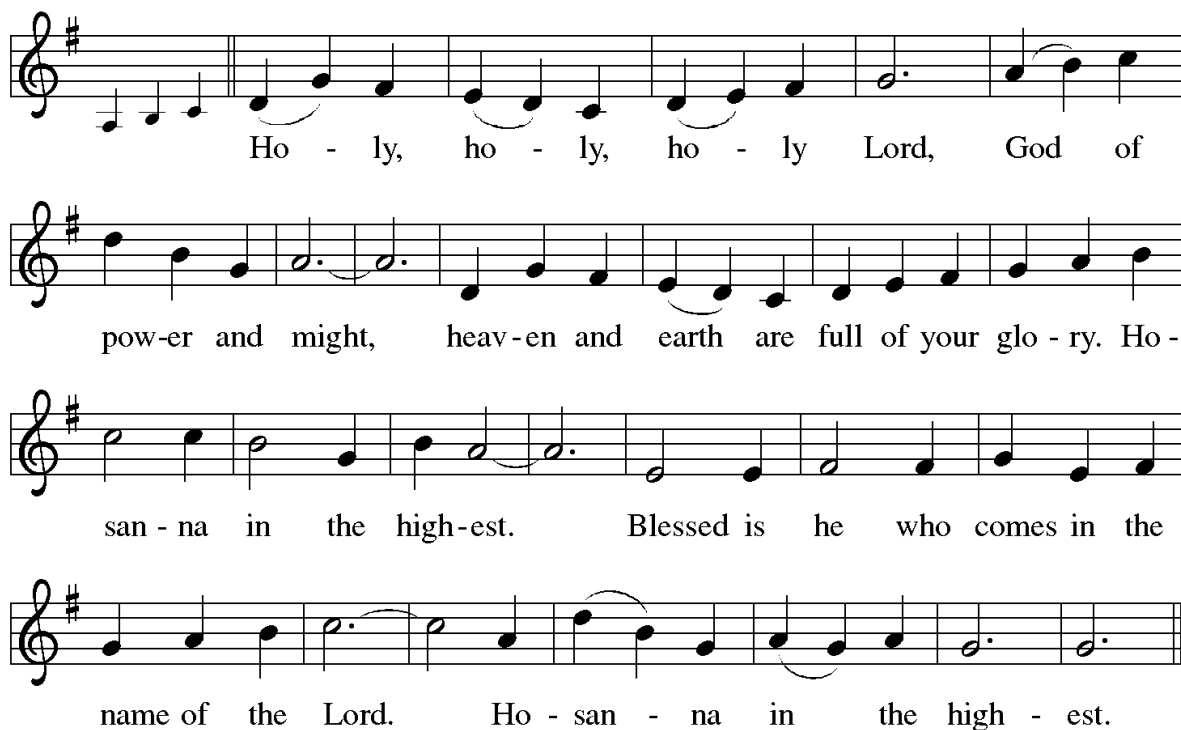
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 Earth and all her creatures, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,  
Together 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.

P 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 the 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.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and all who gather for this feast;

**C wash away our sin and quench our thirst,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty and Altender God,  
with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

**C Thanks be to God.**

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## *Break Now the Bread of Life*

ELW #515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

## *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW #542

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

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My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad - songs in end - less joy.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C** Amen.

**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 +**

**SENDING HYMN**

*O Christ the Same*

WOV #778



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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

C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Adagio*

G. F. Handel

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## 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:** Nancy Archer; Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Patrick Fenton; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Gary Humphries; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Lars & Stephanie Kindem and unborn child; Karen Kunze; Mike Larson; Jan Lee; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Jim Meyer; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Michelle Pierce; Cal Seibel; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor;

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