

March 9, 2022: Lent 2022: 6:00 PM  
Created for Community

Welcome

Invocation

*The service begins with the congregation seated and quiet*

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world, **The light no darkness can overcome.**  
Stay with us now, for it is evening, **And the day is almost over**  
Let your light scatter the darkness, **And shine within your people.**

*Silence while the candle is placed*

Behold, now is the acceptable time; **now is the day of salvation.**  
Turn us again, O God of our salvation, **that the light of your face may shine on us.**  
May your justice shine like the sun; **and may the poor be lifted up.**

*Please stand as you are able*

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(See end of bulletin)

PSALM 121 (read Antiphonally)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

## PRAYER AT THE END OF DAY

Together we pray,

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed)

We confess our faith,

**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 DAY

Again, we pray,

**Gracious Creator, you fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. Continue to weave us together in community with all created things, and deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## WORD

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

Jesus said, For where two or three gather in my name, **there am I with them.**


## The congregation may be seated

Mark 4:35-41     Jesus calms a storm


*Thought for Reflection/Sermon Starter: The Sunday readings for Lent 1, year B highlight the destructive power of the flood as well as the power of God's promise represented there. In the gospel reading Jesus is with the wild animals in the wilderness. While we often think of community as limited to human beings, our human existence is interdependent with all the created world. This theme is especially apparent in Mark 4:35-41, the account of the fishermen whose lives depend on the sea but who become afraid of its power in the storm.*

### A Hymn    WOV 767     All Things Bright and Beautiful

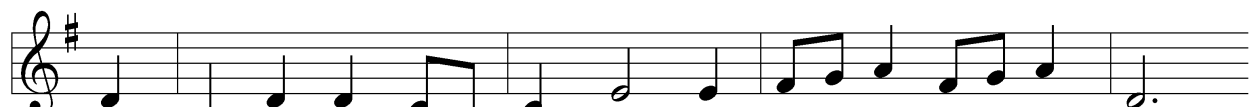
*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,




all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Refrain*



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

PRAYER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.     **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For our immediate community with both thanksgiving and petitions for renewal, care, and good stewardship. Let us pray to the Lord.      **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Together we pray as we sing,*

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Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints; one God, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

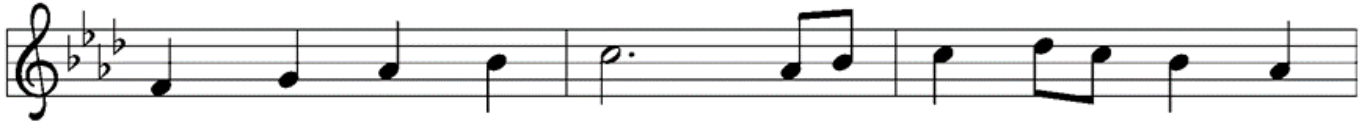
HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Go in peace, joined together in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

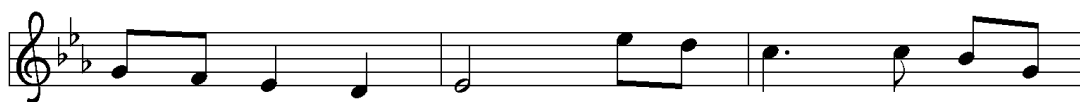
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1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.