

Worship Leader Edition  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Anointing of Jesus

March 27, 2022

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

“My Shepherd Will Supply”  
*Bells of Praise*

*Douglas Wagner*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rob*)

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Rob*)

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as you love us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

+GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532

**Verse 1**

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Verse 2**

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

**Verse 3**

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Verse 4**

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Betty Bender*)

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

ELW #544

**Verse 1**

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
Worship, thanks, devotion voicing:  
Glory be to God on High!  
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,  
By this eucharist declaring  
Yours the final victory.

By your blood new life receiving,  
In your body, firm believing,  
We are yours, and you the Lord.

**Verse 3**

Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,  
We go forth alert and living  
In your Spirit, strong and free.  
Partners in your new creation,  
Seeking peace in ev'ry nation,  
May we faithful foll'wers be.

**Verse 2**

Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,  
Lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
Ears attentive to your word;

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Greg Hornicke*)

**C: 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.**

+THE PRAYERS (*Greg Hornicke*)

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Greg Hornicke*)

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out a welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

“He Leadeth Me”  
*Bells of Praise*

*Susan Ullom Berns*

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## SENDING

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INSTALLATION OF BELLS OF PRAISE DIRECTOR

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW #545

**Verse 1**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.

**Verse 2**

Thanks we give and adoration  
For your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation

**Verse 3**

Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day.

+DISMISSAL (*Greg Hornicke*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Flowers given by Jenean Fawver & Family (and Sadie too)  
In memory of Dick on what would have been his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday*