First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023



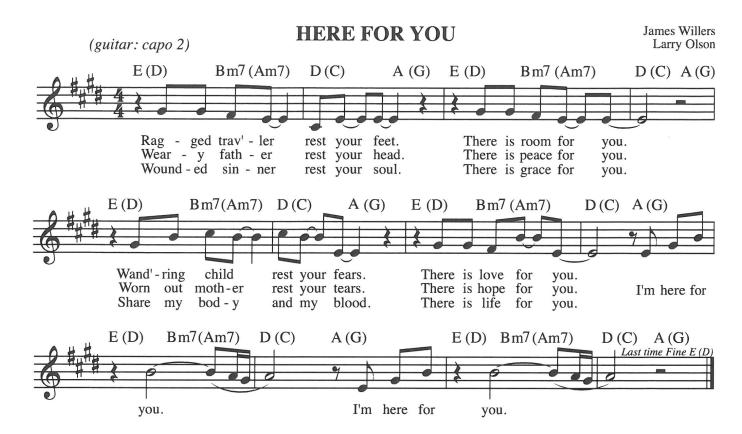


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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – "Here for You"



Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray,
God of revelation,
unveil the Rule of your love in our midst.
Show us who we truly are in you:
expose the illusions that distort our vision,
deliver us from temptations that contort our living,
open our eyes in this time of trial –
that resistance may be the secret of our joy
and our joy a sign of your shalom. Amen.

~ posted on the **Monthly Prayers** page of the **Christian Aid** website. http://www.christianaid.org.uk/

Greet Someone New Music to bring us back together:

Children's Time

THE STORY

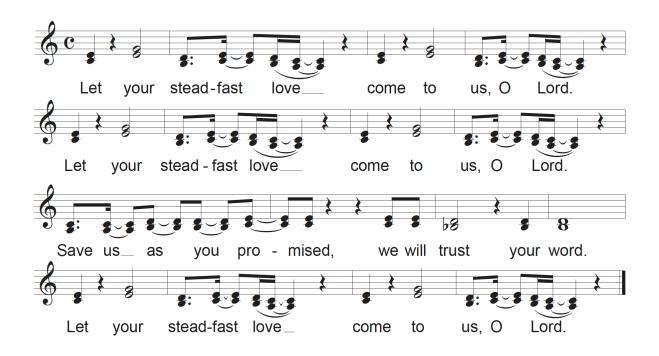
(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Matthew 4: 1-11.





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(Reader): Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him,

(Side 1): "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

(Reader): But he answered,

(Side 2): "It is written,
'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

(Reader): Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 'saying to him,

(Side 1): "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

(Reader): Jesus said to him,

(Side 2): "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

(Reader): Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him.

(Side 1): "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

(Reader): Jesus said to him,

(Side 2): "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

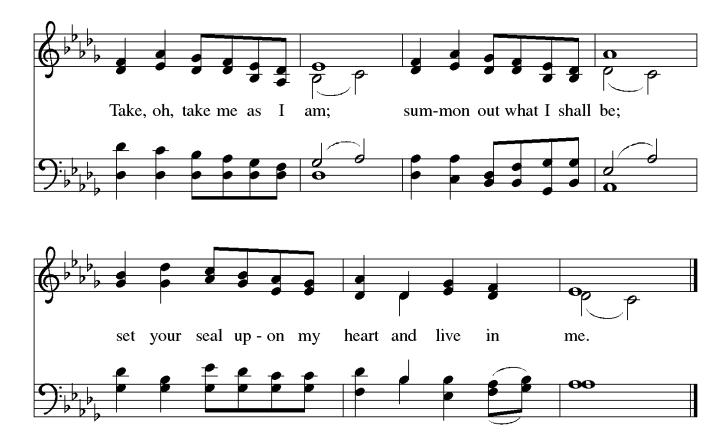
(Reader): Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day - "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Lord, who is mercy:

And you are invited to respond: Hear our prayer.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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Offering

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^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

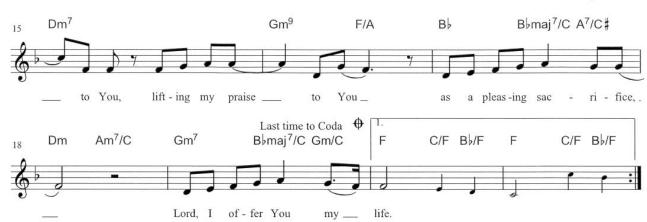
I Offer My Life

Words and Music by Claire Cloninger and Don Moen



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The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing together:

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

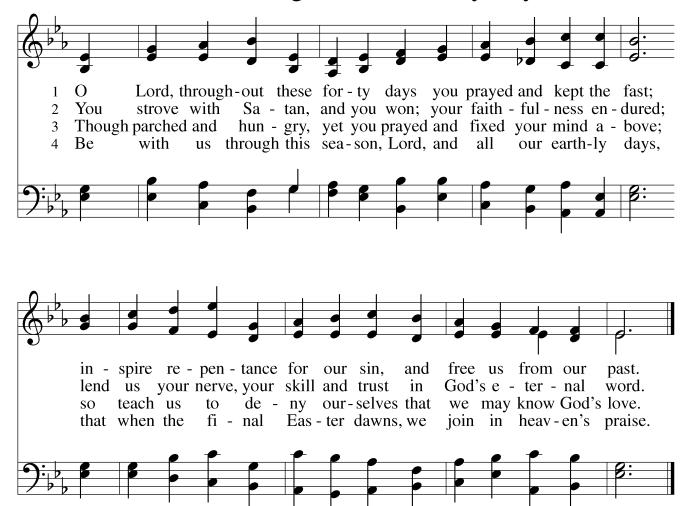
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "O Lord, throughout these Forty Days," "On Eagle's Wings"

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930 Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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On Eagle's Wings

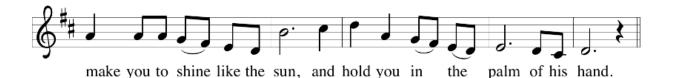


1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



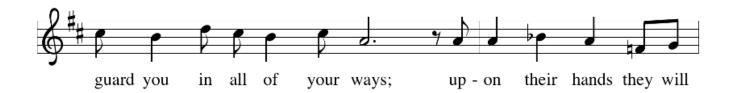
fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



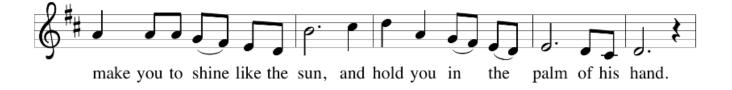


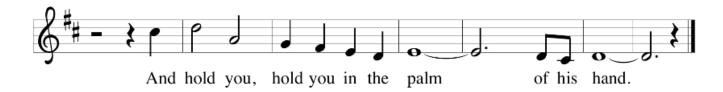






And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

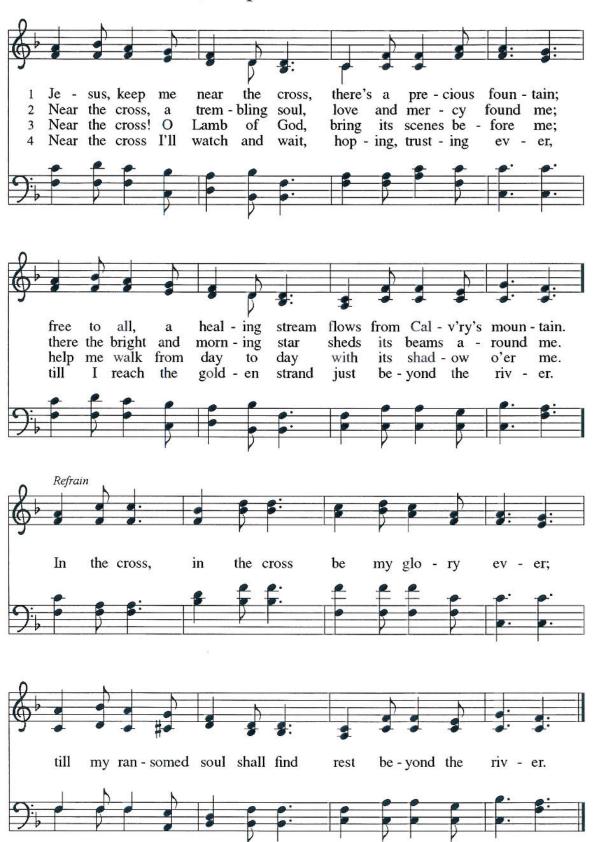
The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" vs. 1 It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Final Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. William Sloane Coffin

Sending Song: "Did you Feel the Mountains Tremble"

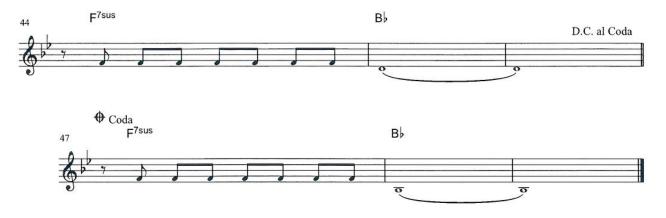
Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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