

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023—8:30am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“Here I am Lord”
arr. Jack Schrader

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“God is Good All the Time”

God is good all the time, He put a song of praise in this heart of mine;
God is good all the time, through the darkest night His light will shine.
God is good, God is good all the time.

If you're walkin' through the valley, and there are shadows all around;
Do not fear, He will guide you, He will keep you safe and sound.
'Cause He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you, and His Word
is true.

We were sinners, so unworthy, still for us He chose to die,
filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify
that His love is everlasting and His mercies, they will never end.

Though I may not understand all the plans You have for me;
My life is in Your hands, and, through the eyes of faith, I can clearly see.

God is good, He's so good, God is good He's so good, God is good, He's
so good all the time.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

+ Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and
mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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+ Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God my Savior has ransomed
me. And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever
mine. You are forever mine.

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: "O God, We Call" ACS#1075

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Linnea Good, b. 1962

+ Peace

+Meal+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sung)

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace
*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.
Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

Communion Song

Bread for the Journey



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla

Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear, and even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near.

And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me, and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Refrain: Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry low. Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, a glorious light beyond all compare, and there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth.

Lord, You never let go of me. You keep on runnin' and You never let go. Sing-in'

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on, and there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes, still I will praise You, still I will praise You.

Lord You never let go of me

Beth Redman & Matt Redman

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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