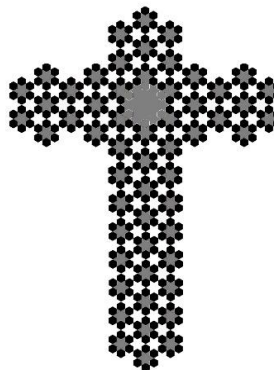


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

arr. Diane Bish

During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-473

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*

Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Ky - ri - e

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Lector The First Reading is taken from Numbers chapter 21...

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and

against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107

MORNING SONG

(all singing)

**Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days
with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God’s saving love sing grateful songs always.**

**If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,
and in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,
then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.**

**So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well known,
consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,
and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone!**

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 2....*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Aaron David Miller

Choir: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
So that ev'ryone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *The people sit.*

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

People

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
AMEN.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for ll the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Maryellen Tilly and Hazel DeStefano.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page
Choir

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

Deacon We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN H-1

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

(stanza 3)

**All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Martha Sobaje

COMMUNION HYMN H-325

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain: **when I fall on my knees,**

with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees; (Refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees; (Refrain)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-671

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am 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!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Today, March 10, has been designated as Woman Composer Sunday. The American Guild of Organists, the Society of Women Organists, and the Royal College of Organists has invited all who can to play or sing a work by a woman composer. Much of our music today celebrates that idea.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Jackson Bond
Torch/Chalicians	Dan Depies & Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Mary Ratliff & Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson, Jim & Mary Ratliff
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Robin Megel, Lynne Henderson, Anne Punch

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Mar 3 – Mike T, Tony B, Johanna, Judy, Pat C, Butch N, Gerry B, Bill GW, Brenna & John, Gene B, Jason C, Dave P, Marc W, Kari, Suzanne, Stacey, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Sharon, Jacob G, Milly L, Bob S, Olena & family, Bonnie L, Colette S, Lee S, Heather S, Lou F, Gloria L, People of Ukraine, Maggie, Scott, Christopher J, Lou W, Carol W, Kipling, Mandeville P, Enez P, Tracey S, Mavis S.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Maryellen Tilly and Hazel DeStefano.

Announcements

Bagzilla collections for next Sunday, Mar 17: Dunedin Cares Inc. Food Pantry Wish List – Pasta sauce, pasta, condiments, cereal, rice, canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, peanut butter, instant mashed potatoes/gravy, baked beans, jelly, and personal care items.

Game Night: Join us Friday, March 15 at 6 PM in the Patio Room as we play your favorites and/or learn new games. Please RSVP to the office as a light supper will be provided. Bring your own beverage and a game to share.

Soul Sisters: March meeting will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 in Kirk Hall. Paula Thornton, Pinellas County representative of the Linus Project will be the speaker. Ms. Thornton will describe the Linus Projects' goals and activities. Light refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Goletz.

The Way of Love – Lenten Study with Soup Supper: Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 6 PM.

Easter Flowers & Music Donations: Donations for flower and music dedications are due by Monday, March 18. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the front or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Suggested minimum donation - \$25.00.

Prayer Vigil: The Gethsemane Watch Thurs, 3/28 through Fri, 3/29, 2024

Beginning the evening of Maundy Thursday and continuing overnight into Good Friday morning, COGS will host a prayer vigil to “keep watch” with Christ. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up for a 1-hour time slot from 8 PM to 8 AM. Contact Cheryl Sharpe directly or use our sign up form found here: <https://www.cogsdunedin.com/prayer-vigil>

COGS Holy Week Services:

Sunday, March 24 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday