

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## 28 February 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

*Acknowledgement is a simple, powerful way of showing respect and as a step toward correcting the stories and practices that erase Indigenous people's history and culture and toward inviting and honoring the truth. [muwekma.org](http://muwekma.org)*

Pastor      In this season of Lent, it is time for us to reflect on the ways that we need God. This often means that we spend more time in confession – the practice of acknowledging and standing in the places where we are wrong, so that we might be shown Christ's way of rightness.  
In this spirit, we begin worship this morning with an acknowledgement of the land on which we gather.

Deacon      We of CGS recognize that we worship from the territory of the xučyun (Hooch-yoon), the ancestral and unceded land of the Tamyen speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people. We acknowledge that the occupation of this land and the colonization and massacre of its people was justified and carried out by the spiritual ancestors of this church and that we continue to benefit from it today.  
This morning, as we gather on this land, we honor the ancestral caretakers such as Pio and Cristobal and acknowledge that this land continues to be of great importance to the Muwekma (Muh-wek-mah) Ohlone Tribe and other descendants of the Tamyen.

# Gathering Song

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

# Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. Let us begin our worship as equals to one another and subject to God, confessing our sin and trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor Holy God,  
All you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.  
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.  
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.  
We distrust those who are not like us.  
We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.  
Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.  
Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

Pastor God's grace is vast. Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sin is washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Know that you, we, are forgiven.  
In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
All And also with you.

## Kyrie

*Sing once through, then sing four times through in canon*

1\*  
My soul thirsts for God.

2  
My spir - it hun - gers for new life.

*\* The two lines may be sung in canon.*

Text and music: Tom Witt, based on Psalm 42:2  
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## Prayer of the Day

Deacon Let us pray...  
Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Testimony

*A time when a person in our congregation tells us about what God is doing among us.*

## Reading

Reader      The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 13  
All            **Glory to you, O God.**

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

At that time, some Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Go! Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you."

Jesus said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Look, I'm throwing out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. However, it's necessary for me to travel today, tomorrow, and the next day because it's impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who were sent to you! How often I have wanted to gather your people just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you didn't want that. Look, your house is abandoned. I tell you, you won't see me until the time comes when you say, Blessings on the one who comes in the Lord's name."

Reader      The good news of Jesus Christ  
All            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Song of the Day

*Our song of the day is brought by Theo Olson singing "Longing for Light, Waiting in Darkness"*

## Testimony

*A time when a person in our congregation tells us about what God is doing among us.*

## Prayers of the People

*Please share your prayer requests with us by emailing [church@cgslc.org](mailto:church@cgslc.org), calling 408-266-8022, or putting them in the YouTube chat.*

Deacon Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *Hold a brief silence.*

Deacon Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all who are called and claimed, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give those new to your way of life joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. (Here specific places of need may be named.) Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon You are like a mother hen of all people. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families with children. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon For what else do the people pray? *Read the prayers offered by others.*

Deacon We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God. We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Peace

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all  
 All **And also with you**

*Take a moment this week to share God's peace with someone else.*

## Testimony

*A time when a person in our congregation tells us about what God is doing among us.*

# Invitation to Offering

*In Lent we practice almsgiving a way of offering our lives to God through the reallocation of our resources to God's mission in this place. You have heard in worship some of the ways that CGS is doing this. So we invite you to join us in mission and make an offering with us. You can find the information of how to do this in your bulletin, in the video chat, or on our website at [cgslc.org](http://cgslc.org).*

Council Now, as we lay our gifts on the table in preparation to receive the gift of grace in Holy Communion, will you please pray with me. *Hold a brief silence*

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

# Eucharist

Pastor Holy God, you make plenty for everyone, everywhere. But ever since the first human beings were created, we've had a hard time trusting this good news. Some do not have enough, while others steal and hoard and use more than is needed. This meal helps us remember you are generous. And you made us to be generous. And together, all the people who receive Holy Communion make a big, generous body. This mass movement to your table is re-remembering your body, putting us back together like puzzle pieces. This taste and sip of heaven interrupts our fear of scarcity with your promise to provide enough for all of creation and satisfy our whole lives.

Pastor You are the Most Merciful

**All You reconcile the world**

Pastor You are the Great Physician

**All the word that casts out demons**

Pastor You are the Good Shepherd

**All Not one of us is lost to you**

Pastor You are the Holy Redeemer

**All You are hope to the hopeless**

Pastor You are the King of Kings

**All slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**

In the same night when Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for remembering me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for remembering me.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe on us now and on these gifts of bread and wine. As we taste the bread knit us together into a new commonwealth through which we can access the abundance that you offer. As we sip our cups, remember us into the body that can enact your love in the world.

For every time that we eat this bread and drink this wine we confess that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ is yet to come. And we wait until the fullness of time and space is made manifest among us to the glory of our one God, Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

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Our Mother, 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;  
save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

# Distribution of Communion

## Communion Song

### When Twilight Comes



1 When twi-light comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for  
2 One day the Rab - bi, Lord Je - sus, called the twelve to share his  
3 So gath-er round once a - gain, friends, touched by fad - ing glow of



night's rest. As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she  
last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he  
sun's gold, and re - count all our frail hu - man hopes: the



gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to  
spent him - self to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to  
dreams of young and sto - ries of old. Oh! what joy to



feel her warm heart - beat and be near her all night long;  
be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, oh! sheer de - light,  
pray close to - geth - er, kneel-ing as one fam - i - ly,



so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.  
and re - ceive his ser - vant care: all be - fore the com - ing night.  
by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless-ed Trin - i - ty.

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Music: DAPIT HAPON, Francisco Feliciano, b. 1941

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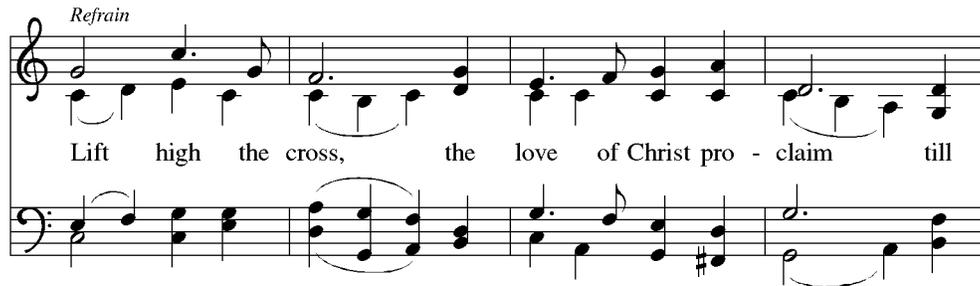
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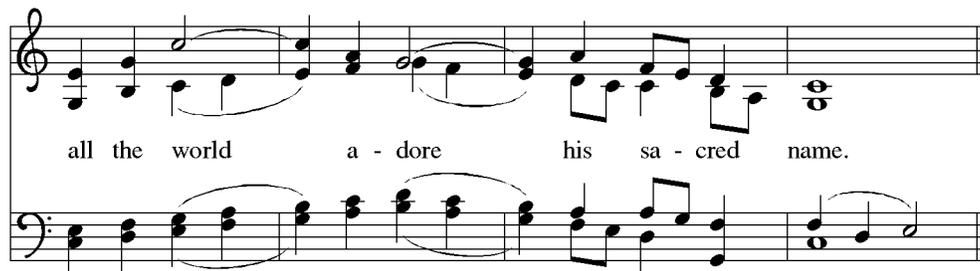
# Sending Song

## Lift High the Cross

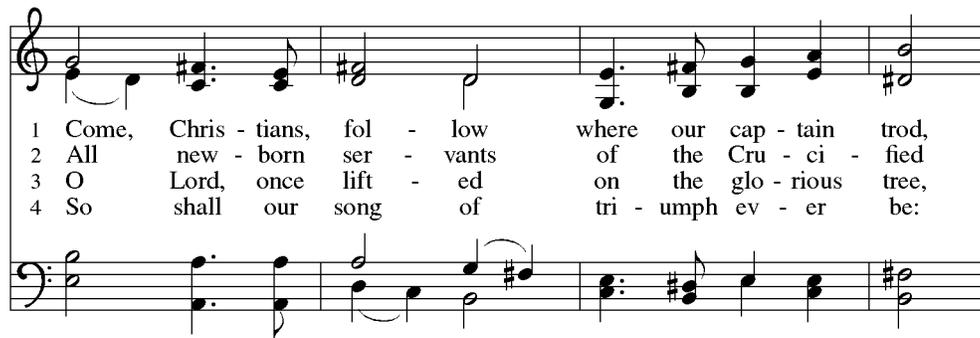
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

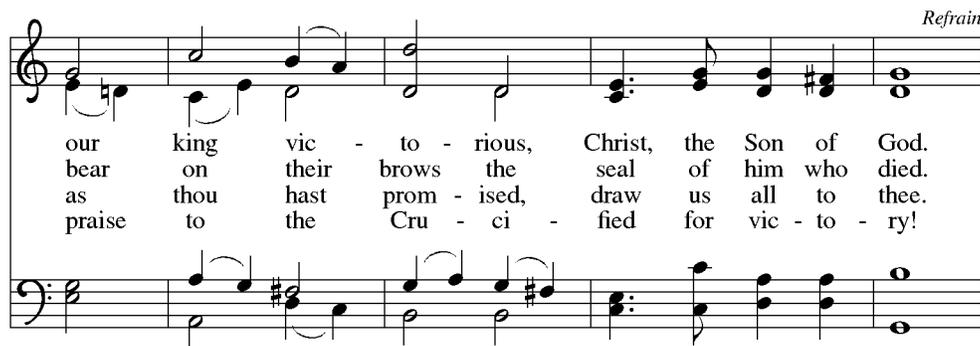


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## Blessing

Pastor      May God bless you and keep you...

## Dismissal

Deacon      Go in peace, remember those who produce good fruit.  
All          Thanks be to God.

## Postlude