

5th Sunday in Lent

21 March 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

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



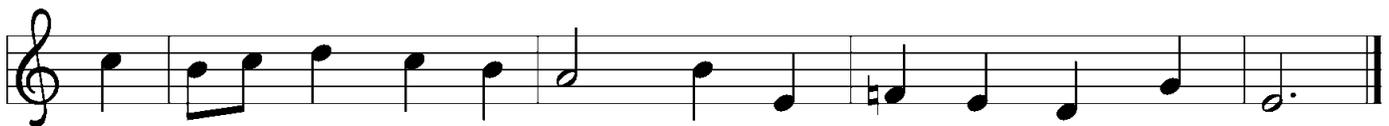
1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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.

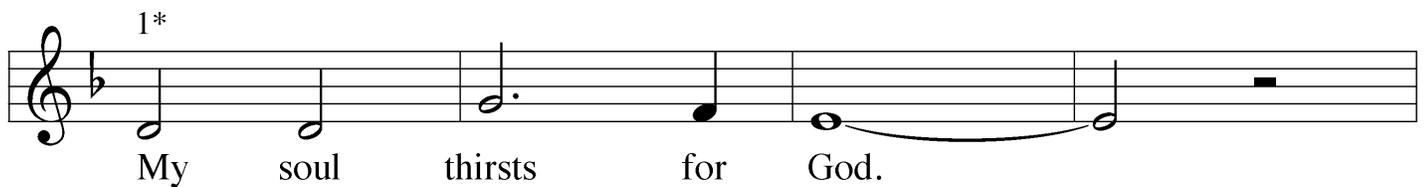
Pastor Holy God,
All you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth 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

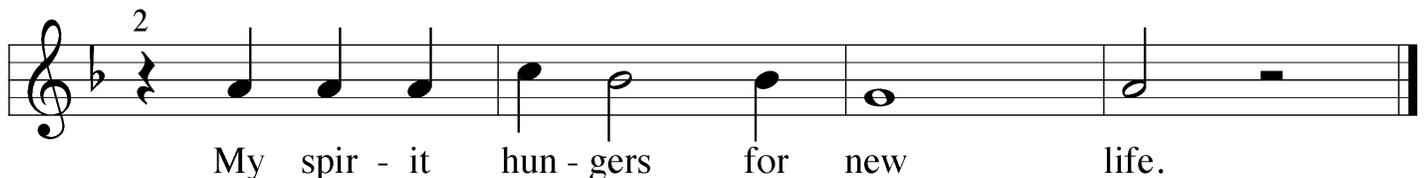
Sing once through, then sing four times through in canon

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...
Lord of the Lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. 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, chapters 18 and 19.
All Glory to you, O God.

³¹ Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³ After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." ³⁴ But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When the man heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." ⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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 Ray Tovar singing. "I Will Do A New Thing"

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, 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 You do not pass by us or ignore us. You do not cast us away because of our sin. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon You fill the earth—from the wide open ranges, to the small corners of the mountains—with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon You promise to upend the systems of this world from the smallest village to the biggest capital. Protect those who are persecuted because of their race, especially now the Asian people of our country who face an increase in violence and discrimination. Guide citizens throughout the world to be communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon You give us sight and nourishment in body and spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely, those who feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Give faithful and trusting spirits to the leaders of all the ministries we've heard about this season. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. Hear us, O God.

All **Your mercy is great.**

Deacon For what else do the people pray? *(read the prayers submitted)*

Deacon 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. Send a card

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.

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

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



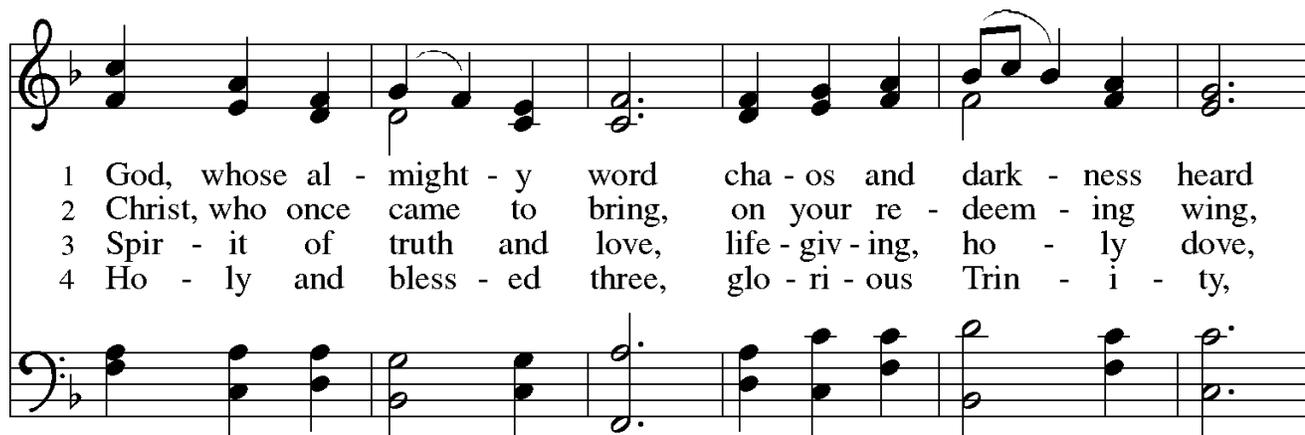
grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Announcements

To find out what's happening at CGS, be sure that you are signed up for our news emails. You can sign up on our website at cgsic.org/newsletter or by calling (408)266-8022.

Sending Song

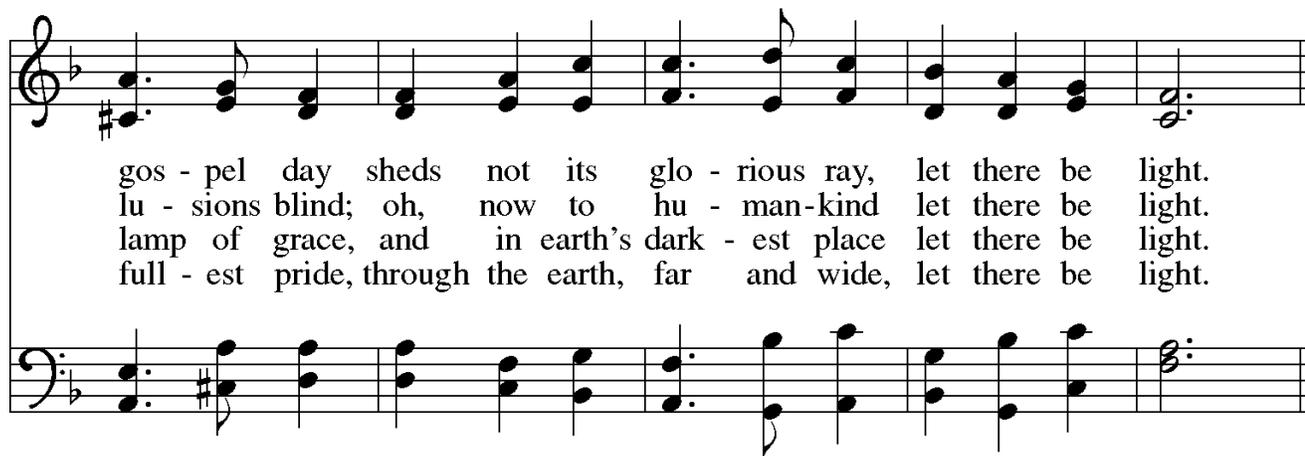
God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, remember the forsaken.
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude