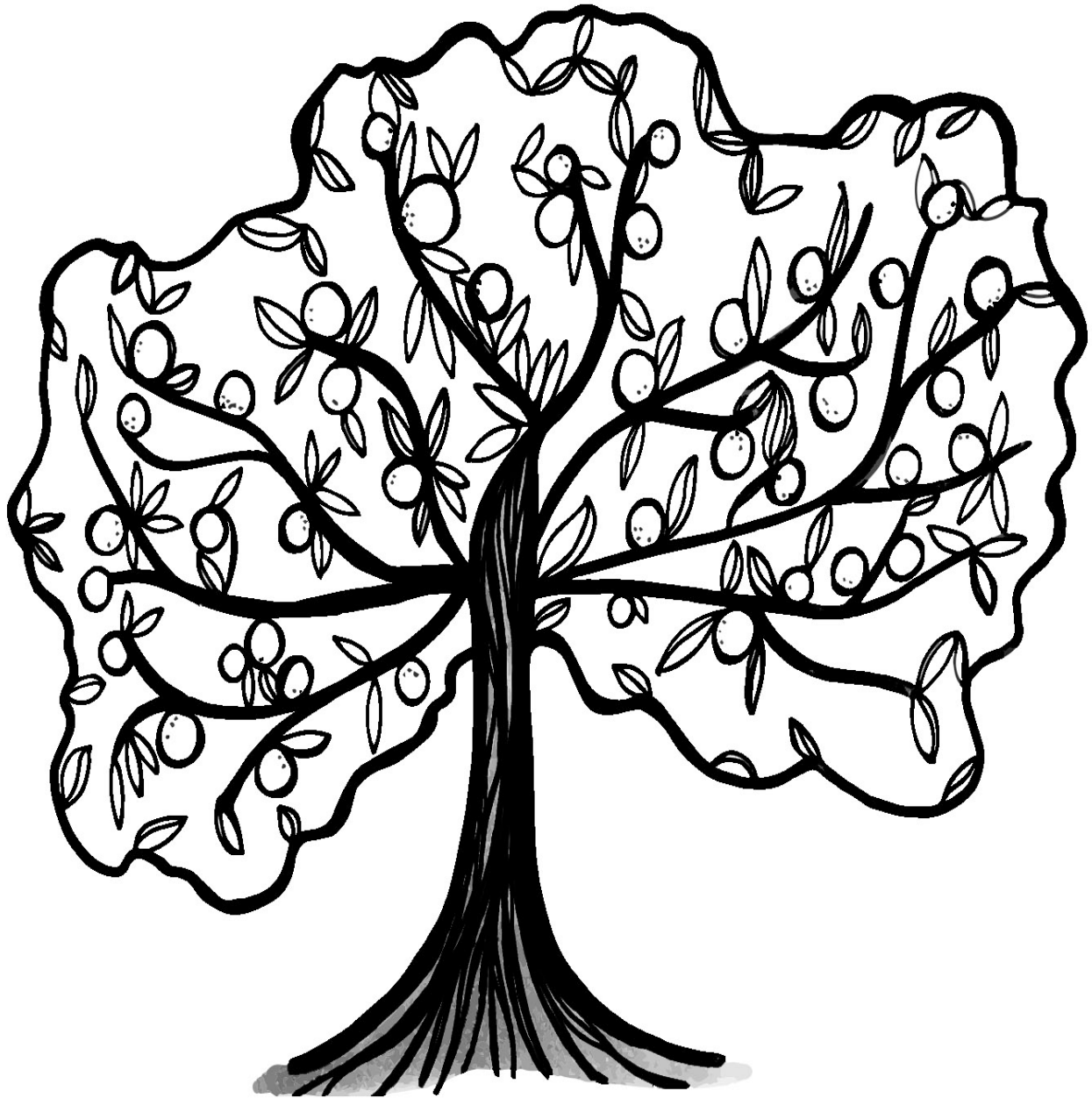


MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We're glad you're here! Please let our ushers know if there is anything that you need.

**Live-Stream:** Please note that our services are recorded, broadcast live, and a recording is made publicly available on YouTube. If you wish to sit off camera during service, please speak to an usher. Our pastor can bring communion to your seat. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

**For families with children:** Most Sundays our Godly Play Sunday School takes place during worship, and all children and parents are welcome. Ask an usher for directions to the classroom. We have a kids' play area in the back of the sanctuary, and an enclosed family playroom is open near the main sanctuary doors. Families are welcome to use both spaces during worship and should feel free to move about as needed. Kids in the playroom must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**After worship:** Please enjoy some refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall and church garden—head straight out of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Don Gordineer
<b>Deacon</b>	Isabelle Coste
<b>Reader</b>	Kevin Visscher
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jerry Clark & Michael Komnick
<b>Accompanist</b>	Daniel Thomas
<b>Choir Director</b>	Rey Lambatin
<b>Coffee Team</b>	Phil Boyer & Steve Weirauch
<b>Flowers</b>	Given in memory of Shirley Woods' mother

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## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

All you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
**Amen.**

Pastor Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

All **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG • O BLESSED SPRING

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en -  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and

joins each one to be a branch of  
 wa - ter thus re - vive and join us

this life - giv ing Tree.  
 to your Tree of Life.

## GREETING

Pastor 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.**

*Please be seated*

## KYRIE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All


**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Leader For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:


All

**Lord, have mer - cy.**


Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

All   
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

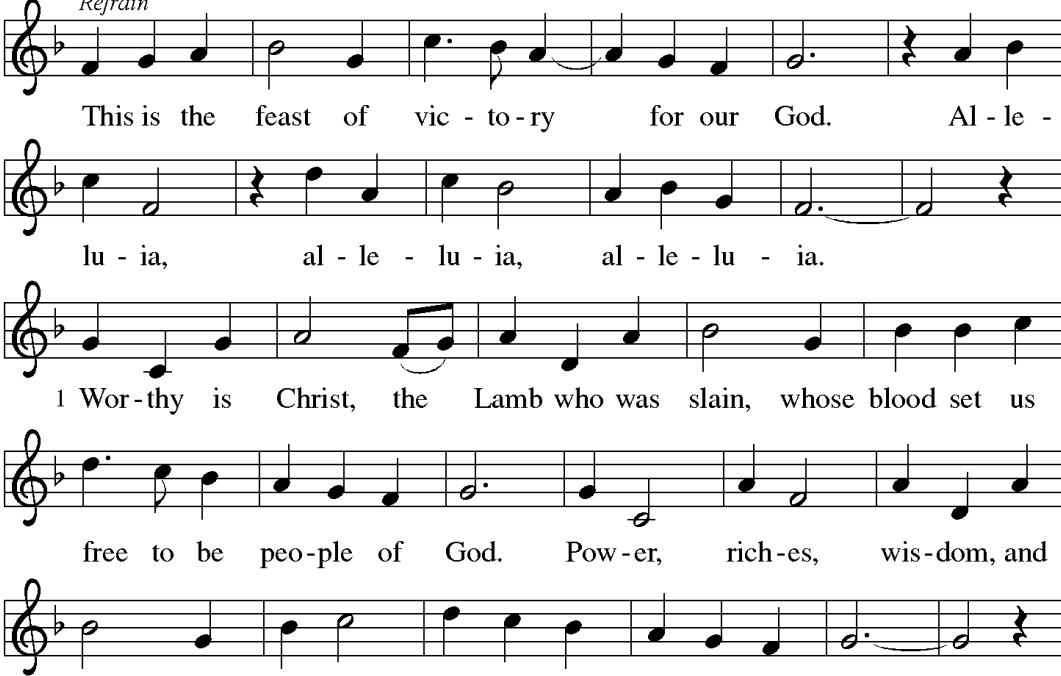
All   
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All   
A - men.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

(music continues on next page)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray,  
 Merciful God, help us to understand our sinfulness and move towards repentance and reconciliation. By your grace, make us alive together with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

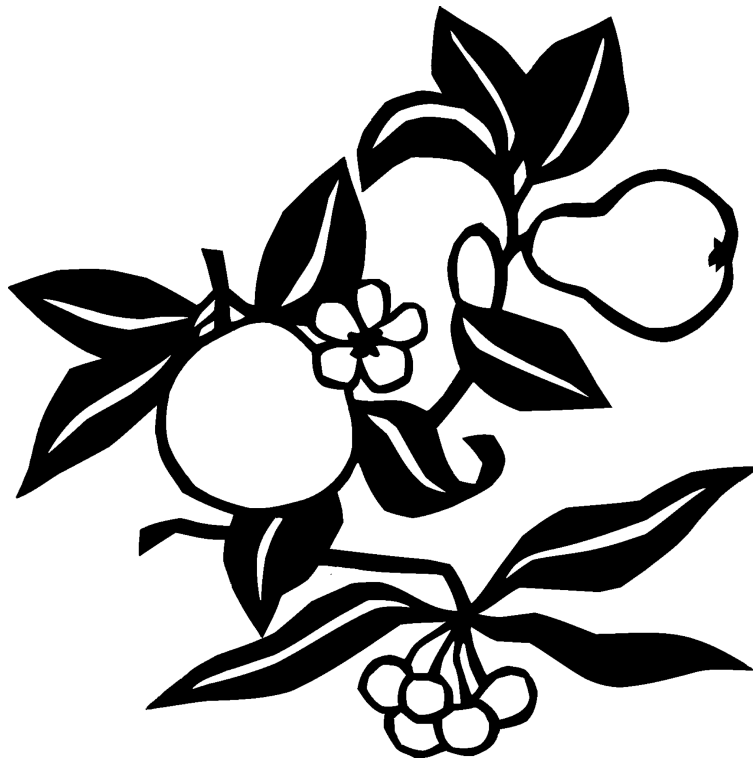
All Amen.

## FIRST READING

Reader The first reading according to Genesis, the third chapter.

Reader <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

All Thanks be to God.



## PSALM

Reader I invite you to join me in reading the 92<sup>nd</sup> Psalm responsively.

Reader <sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

All <sup>2</sup> **to declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night,**

Reader <sup>3</sup> to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

All <sup>4</sup> **For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Reader <sup>5</sup> How great are your works, O Lord!  
Your thoughts are very deep!

All <sup>12</sup> **The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

Reader <sup>13</sup> They are planted in the house of the Lord;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.

All <sup>14</sup> **In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,**

Reader <sup>15</sup> showing that the Lord is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

## SECOND READING

Reader The second reading according to Ephesians, the second chapter.

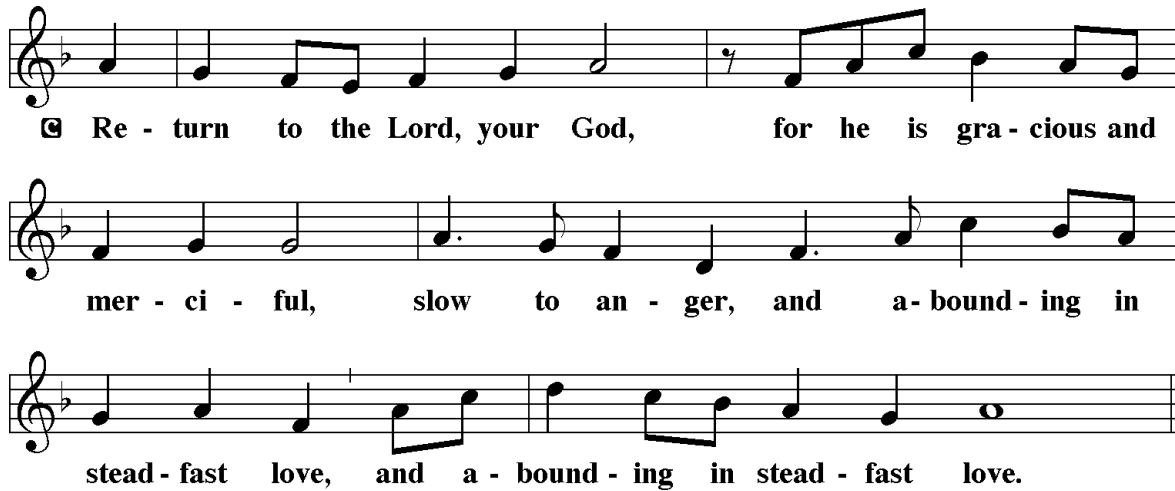
Reader <sup>4</sup> but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ –by grace you have been saved– <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God– <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

All **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please rise in body or in spirit*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor <sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will know them by their fruits.

Pastor The Gospel of our Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Pastor Don Gordineer*

## SONG OF THE DAY • ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST



- 1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

*After each petition, the deacon will pray; "Merciful God," and the congregation is invited to respond: "hear our prayer."*

Deacon Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,  
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

All **Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

*We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the boundaries of others. Shaking hands, giving your neighbor the peace sign, or putting your hand on your heart and saying "God's peace be with you" are a few of many options for sharing a sign of peace.*

## OFFERING

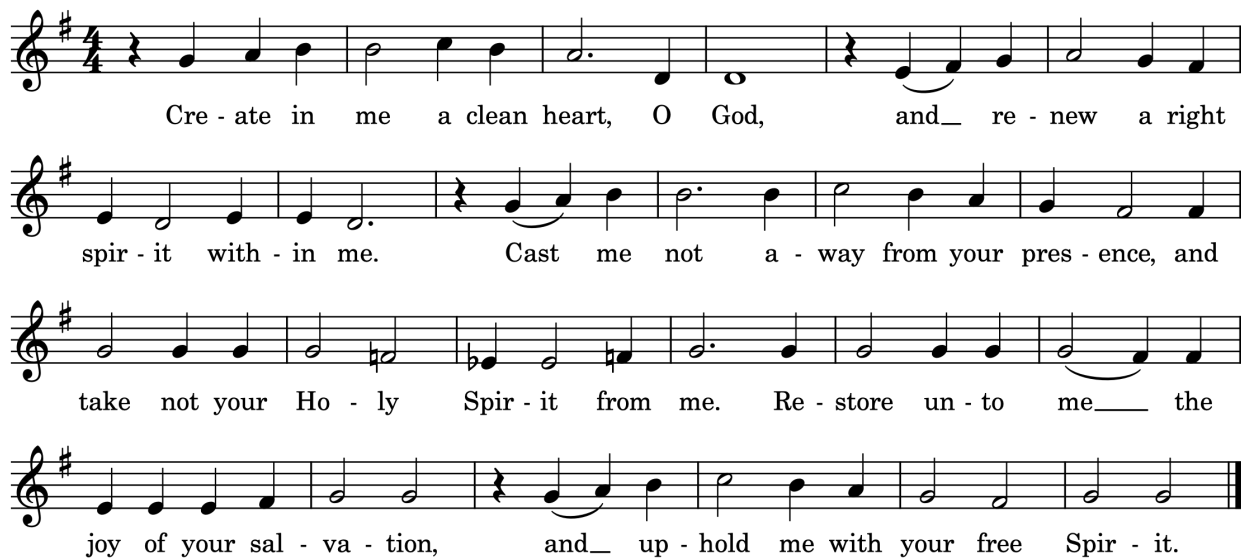
God continues to deal abundantly with us and with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to support the mission of this Christian community, you may drop an offering in the plates being passed, give online at [www.cgslc.org/donate](http://www.cgslc.org/donate), or use the QR codes on the final page of this bulletin.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Offered by Keynote Vocal Group

## OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

*Please rise in body or in spirit*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Deacon Gracious Provider,

All you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to  
sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

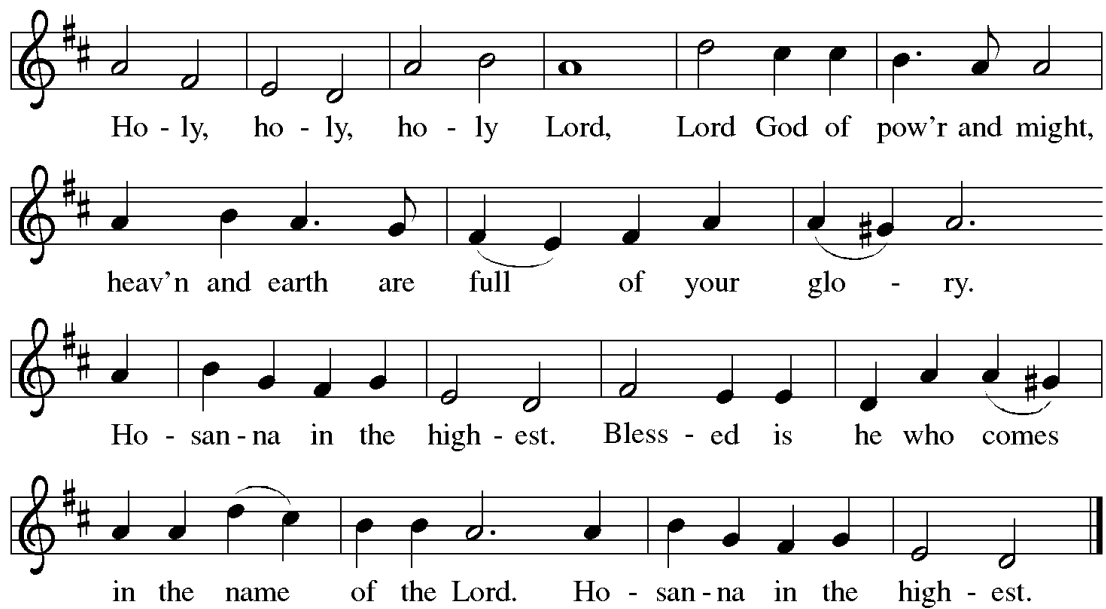
Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus 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 the remembrance of 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 the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Pastor O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence.

**All Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**All Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.*

Our God, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kin-dom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

*Please be seated*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health.*

*There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, just let the pastor know when you come forward. Take your time! Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## IT IS GOOD TO TRUST

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn 'IT IS GOOD TO TRUST'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment.

It is good to trust in the Lord\_ our God, trust and hope in the Lord\_ our God.

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It continues the grand staff notation from the first system.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord our God, to\_ make mus-ic to your name, O\_ God.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*Please rise in body or in spirit*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Deacon Gracious Host,  
All you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

*Offered by Keynote Vocal Group*



## SENDING SONG • MY FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

### *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

## DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

All Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Holden Evening Prayer, Spiritual Practice, and Soup Supper, Wednesdays in Lent**

We are gathering for a spiritual practice, light soup supper, and a brief worship service on the Wednesdays of Lent. Meditation will be from 6-6:30pm, soup supper from 6:30-7pm and worship from 7-7:30pm. You are welcome to join at any time. Come for some or all!

### **House Meeting Campaign – Silicon Valley Allied for the Common Good (SVACG)**

Our community organization house meeting campaign will be running through March and April, and we hope all of our members will attend one of the house meetings hosted in local churches. It is an opportunity for members of our communities to share stories about the pressures and challenges that they face—stories which will help inform the interfaith work our congregations will do together. Check your newsletter for the link to the signup form.

Sunday March 16, 3pm at First Congregational Church (1980 Hamilton Ave.)

Thursday March 20, 5:30pm at First Congregational Church (1980 Hamilton Ave.)

Saturday April 5, 6pm at St. Lucy's Catholic Parish (2350 S. Winchester Blvd.)

Sunday April 6, 3pm at Willow Glen UMC (1420 Newport Ave.)

Sunday April 13, 1pm at Grace Baptist Church (484 E. San Fernando St.)

### **March Youth and Family Event: Youth-led Worship**

On March 30, 2025, the youth and children of CGS will be leading worship. If your children are interested in participating, please speak with Pr. Kris

### **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship: April 13, 10am

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church: April 17, 7pm – bring a dish to pass if you are able

Good Friday Worship: April 18, 7pm

Easter Vigil: April 19, 8pm – outdoor worship service, dress accordingly

Easter Sunday: April 20, 10am

### **For more information:**

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**O Blessed Spring**

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**Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast**

Text: John Cawood, alt.

Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

**It is Good to Trust**

Text: Taizé Community; adapt. D. Thomas

Music: IT IS GOOD TO TRUST, Jacques Berthier

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**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

Text: Robert Lowry

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

**Lectionary**

Wilda C. Gafney: *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W*

**Liturgical Music**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, settings two and four

Create in Me music: Daniel Thomas