



Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation
10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:

We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2019 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

Reflection and Preparation

Our liturgy during Lent will carry us through the book of Habakkuk and is entitled Trumpets, Tears, and Ashes. The trumpets reminded Israel of the trumpets on Mount Sinai, God's triumphant victory over Egypt, and his divine Kingship. Israel throughout her later history would come into worship with sounding trumpets of joy. So do we! We rejoice in the Kingship of Jesus Christ and his victory over the death and the devil. But Israel rebelled against the LORD her God. She broke the terms of the covenant, so God brought her under the judgment of the Babylonian Empire (7th century BC). Together with the prophet Habakkuk they cried tears of sorrow and covered themselves with ashes.

Today, there is much to be sorrowful about concerning the Church in the world. She is not what she ought to be; there's much that she needs to repent of. And there are plenty of sorrows in our lives as well, as our lives are not what they ought to be in holiness and love.

During the season of Lent, our worship will include the sounding of trumpets followed by periods of silence, Psalms of lamentation, and opportunities to reflect on how we the Church have a long way to go until we meet our Lord.

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

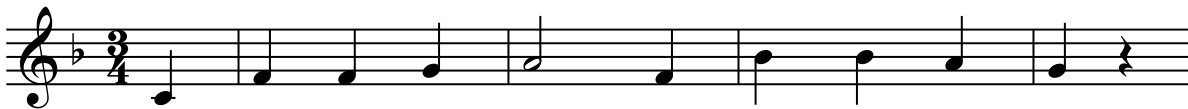
For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

Psalm 95:1-3

O WORSHIP THE KING

ROBERT GRANT, 1833



1. O wor - ship the King all glor - ious a - bove,
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
3. Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
4. Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



and grate - ful - ly sing his won - der - ful love; _____
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. _____
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light. _____
in you do we trust, nor find — you to fail; _____



our shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain.
your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise. _____
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm. _____
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew — and the rain. _____
our Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - deem - er and Friend! _____

Silent Reading

Habakkuk does not specify the people against whom these words of woe are spoken. It's likely the Babylonians. But we'd do well to consider the sins he names: his first and second woes denounce sins against the eighth commandment ("Thou shall not steal"); his third, sins against the sixth commandment ("Thou shall not murder"); and his fourth, sins against the seventh commandment ("Thou shall not commit adultery"). O that God would quickly end evil!

Scripture

Habakkuk 2:6-17, 20

Woe to him who piles up stolen goods
and makes himself wealthy by extortion!
How long must this go on?
Because you have plundered many nations,
the peoples who are left will plunder you.
For you have shed human blood;
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.

Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain,
setting his nest on high
to escape the clutches of ruin!
You have plotted the ruin of many peoples,
shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.
The stones of the wall will cry out,
and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.

Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed
and establishes a town by injustice!
Has not the Lord Almighty determined
that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire,
that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?
For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors,
pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk,
so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!
You will be filled with shame instead of glory.
Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be exposed!
For you have shed human blood;
you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.

The Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him.

(Please silently meditate on these words.)

COME QUICKLY LORD

CHRIS ANDERSON, 2008



1. Cre - a - tion groans be - neath the curse; re -
2. So wear - y of our trait' - rous flesh of
3. We want to hear the joy - ous cries and
4. We joy to fix our gaze on Christ, though



bel - lion's just re - ward. We long to see the
sin we hate, yet _____ crave. We yearn to see temp -
join the ran - somed thron; "The Lamb is wor - thy!"
now our view is dim. We long for heav - en's



fall re - versed and E - den's joys re - stored.
ta - tion's death, in - dwell - ing sin's dark grave.
praise will rise from ev - 'ry tribe and tongue.
grand - est prize: to see and be like him!



Come quick-ly, Lord! Make all things new! Re-deem the church, your bride.



With long-ing eyes we look for you, for home is at your side!

Prayer of Confession

Ephesians 5:8-13

Psalm 51:1-10

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

But we have become complicit in the sins we named. Let's pray:

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

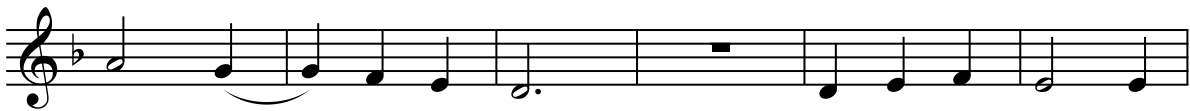
PSALM 72 - GOD GIVE TO THE KING YOUR JUSTICE



1. O God, give to the King your jus - tice, his son your ___right-eous-
 2. May for the peo - ple hill and moun-tain bring forth the ___peace they
 3. Long may he live and rule our na - tion, may peace on ___earth be



ness. You are the God in whom our trust is; your
 seek. And jus - tice flow - ing like a foun-tain re -
 found. And bless-ings for each gen - er - a - tion and



hand a - lone can bless. May he, the roy - al
 store the ___ faint and weak. May he de - fend the
 right - eous - ness a - bound. May in the cit - ies



son, be reign-ing with judg - ments ___ true and sure, to all your
 poor and need - y, may he their ___ child-ren save, and crush op-
 peo - ple flow - er like hill - sides ___ in the spring. May all the



peo - ple right or - dain - ing your jus - tice to the poor. *Interlude*
 pres - sors proud and greed - y lift up the ran-somed slave. *Interlude*
 earth ac - claim his pow - er and of his glo - ry sing.



Ending
 All peo-ple join in cel - e - bra-tion and tell his ___deeds a - gain.



Let all the earth and all ___ cre - a-tion sing prais-es to God, A - men!



Sing prai-ses to God, A - men! Sing prai-ses to God, A - men. ___

Assurance of Pardon

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth. Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of sins through Jesus the King!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers for the Church and World

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ

BY FAITH

KEITH & KRISTIN GETTY, STUART TOWNEND, 2009



Choirs: 1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light
 Choirs: 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r
 All: 3. By faith the proph - ets_ saw a day when the longed
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved, and the pow'r



of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who prove his
 of his prom - ise in their hearts of a ho - ly cit - y built by
 for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the chains of
 of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap - tives and to
 of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
 God's own hand, a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *To Chorus*
 sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
 preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *To Chorus*
 pos - si - ble, to all who call up - on his name. *To Chorus*



We will stand as chil-dren of the Prom-ise; we will fix our eyes on him, our



soul's re - ward, 'til the race is fin - ished and the work is done.



We'll walk by faith and_ not by sight. *Last Time Repeat Chorus*

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Sermon

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; 3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

"Seed, Soils"
Rev. Brad Chaney

Luke 8:1-15

Sermon Series
*Luke: the Gospel of
Amazement*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
He took upon himself the weight of our sin
and carried the burden of our guilt.
He shared our life in every way,
and, though tempted, was sinless to the end.
Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death
and by your power was raised to new life.
In his dying and rising,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death
and made with us a new covenant by his blood.

**Our Savior gave us this holy sacrament
and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.
We eat and drink in faith, eager for his reappearing.
Come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

WILLIAM COWPER, 1772



1. There is a foun-tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins,
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that__ foun-tain in__ his day;
3. Ev-er since by faith I saw the stream your flow-ing wounds sup - ply,



and sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose__ all their guilt-y stains;
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
re - deem-ing love has been my theme and__ shall be till I die.



lose__ all their guilt - y stains,__ lose all their guilt - y__ stains;
Washed all my sins a - way,__ washed all my sins a - way,
And__ shall be till I die,__ and shall be till I__ die;



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SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD

ADRIAN TURNER, PAT HOWARD, 1985



1. Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God who sits up - on the
2. And we the re - deemed shall be strong in pur - pose and



throne, — and un - to — the Lamb; praise and glo - ry,
u - ni - ty, de - clar - ing a - loud praise and glo - ry,



wis - dom and thanks, hon - or — and pow - er — and strength.
wis - dom and thanks, hon - or — and pow - er — and strength.



Be to our God for - ev - er — and ev - er, be to our God for -



ev - er — and ev - er, be to our God for - ev - er — and ev - er, A - men.

Benediction

Grace to you and peace
from him who is and who was and who is to come,
Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

from Revelation 1:4-6