

# **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

MARCH 19, 2023

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**Welcome** to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

## Sunday, March 19, 2023 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print**.

# **Gathering**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

En el nombre del Padre, y del 🕂 Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of

the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the

presiding minister begins.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\oplus$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

This hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name, BRADBURY.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

# Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1. Sav ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;
- 2. We are yours, in love be friend us,
- be the guard-ian of our way; 3. Ear - ly let us seek your fa ear - ly let us do your will; vor;



in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, keep your flock, from sin de fend us, Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Say - ior,

for our use your fold pre-pare. seek us when we go a - stray. with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed you have bought us, Je - sus, we are yours. hear your chil - dren when we pray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us still. us, love

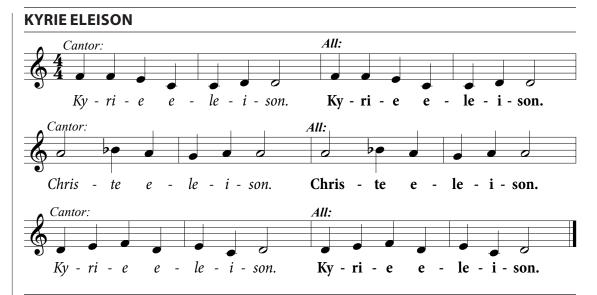


Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, we are yours. Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil - dren when Bless-ed we pray. Ie-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved Bless-ed us, love us still.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Lord, make us blind that we may see your loving purposes for all of humanity. Make us stumble when we claim to see in the dim light of our ignorance and our failure to love unconditionally all of your beloved creation!

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

## Word

FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

A reading from First Samuel, the sixteenth chapter.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul. Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

A reading of the twenty-third Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

#### **SECOND READING**

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

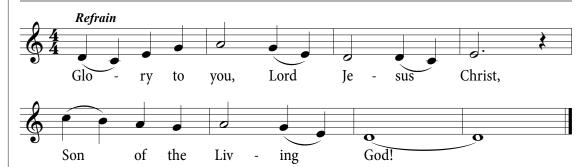
For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God. The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Cantor: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

All: **Refrain** 

HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God. El Santo Evangelio según Juan, capítulo nueve.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

Following the reading:

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

The assembly is seated.

**THE HOMILY** PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

This Gospel tune, published by George Elderkin in 1890, is built on a refrain that invites us to "walk in the *light* . . . *Jesus, the light of* the world." The refrain is usually paired with verses from Charles Wesley's Christmas hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The editors of Voices Together, the newest hymnal of the Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, have adapted verses from Wesley's hymn, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" and used them in place of the Christmas text. In doing so, they have shifted the focus of this hymn from the light of Christ's birth to the light of Christ's risen glory. Elderkin's tune is crafted in a musical style that was popular at the time, often referred to as "gospel waltz." Though it originates from the white Gospel tradition, this hymn has been widely embraced and musically adapted by African American churches.



#### **APOSTLES'CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; comfort those who grieve and tend all who are sick, especially Betty, Hal, Carol, Del and Suzanne, Jean, Joanne, and Myrna and Jerry. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community, especially Cascade Vineyard's Food Pantry. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

*Here other intercessions* may be offered. For what else do the people of God pray?

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

Online worshipers will spend a few minutes in breakout rooms. In-person worshipers will have time to greet one another.

The assembly is seated.

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Meal

Lord

Je - sus, I'll praise

#### PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

**OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 808** 

The assembly stands.



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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

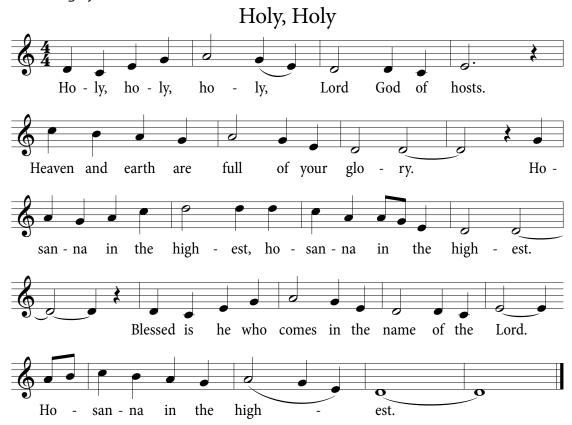
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

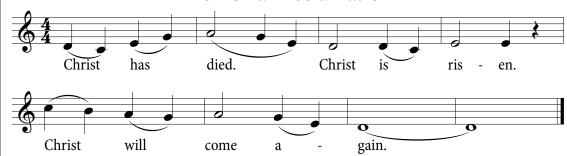
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Memorial Acclamation



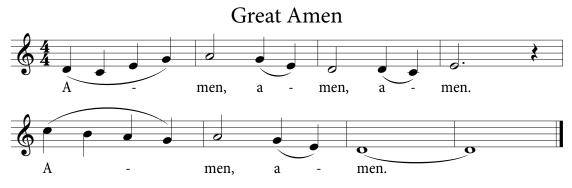
O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

#### Come, Holy Spirit.

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.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome at this meal.

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

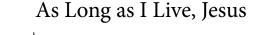
The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

#### Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**ELW 808** 



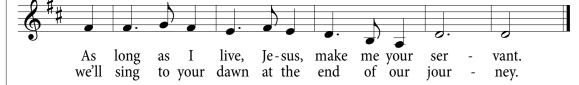


2. I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur-dens and tears. but cour-age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.





#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

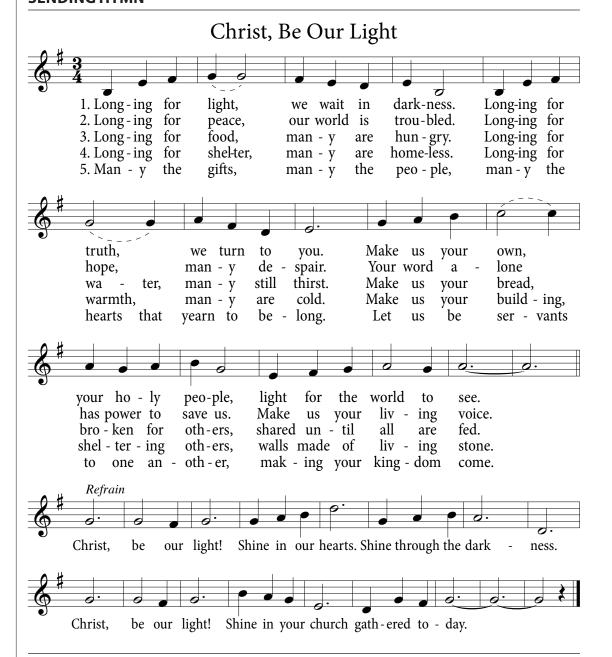
Incarnate God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

#### **SENDING BLESSING**

Dios todopoderoso, Padre, → Hijo, e Espíritu Santo los bendiga ahora y siempre. Amén.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **SENDING HYMN**



#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony.

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

# WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m. at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZpWFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # **1-253-215-8782** 

Meeting ID 865 1710 7296 Password 299944

#### **WEDNESDAYS OF LENT**

Check the **church website** or **Facebook** page this Lent to hear a new episode on the "Lutheran Lessons" podcast platform. This is a 10-part series called "Eating With Jesus." These mealtime reflections will drop each Wednesday. Two are already posted. Episode 3 finds Jesus eating lunch with some Pharisees. You can receive notification each week by "following" the podcast page. Invite a friend to listen with you and have a conversation about what you heard.

# DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

Tell one person where you go on Sundays! Invite them to join you, online or in person. Tell them why you gather with fellow travelers for worship and praise. No great theological discourse is necessary, just invite them to "Come and See." Lent is an especially good time to invite others along as we reflect on our need for forgiveness and grace.

#### **PLAN AHEAD**

Holy Week is coming! All services are hybrid using the same Zoom link as Sunday mornings.

**April 2, 10:30 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday** moves from a triumphant entry to the beginning of the end.

**April 6, 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday** with Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar

**April 7, 7 p.m. Good Friday** with Passion according to John. Bilingual worship.

**April 8, Bonus Podcast Episode** imagining the Passover and Sabbath waiting of the disciples.

April 9, Christ is Risen! (10:30 a.m. English, 5 p.m. español)

#### **CRISTO REY MISA**

Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios! Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish. The service is printed in both languages. Come, live in the light! ¡Ven a vivir en la luz!

**Viernes Santo,** sin comunión, la Pasión según Juan bilingüe, 7 p.m.

**Domingo de Pascua**, ¡Cristo ha resucitado! con comunión, 5 p.m.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

**Book of Faith: Matthew**—Wednesdays, 7 p.m. All are welcome, any time.

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**Anti-Racism Conversation: Acting Against Racism** is on hiatus until after Easter (April 9).

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We continue to pray for one another. When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to ctkoffice@tigardlutherans.com, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit tigardlutherans.com and click on the Communication tab.

#### **GIVING**

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through our thirdparty giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.

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Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7



Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

### Por lo tanto, recibíos los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7



Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.