

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

SERVICE OF THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your path of life. We have strayed from your love for all people.

To all the ways we've been blinded to the suffering of others,

Open our eyes, Oh God.

To all the ways we've been blind to and complicit in our society's brokenness,

Open our eyes, Oh God.

To all the ways we've been blind to the sacredness of human beings,

Open our eyes, Oh God.

To all the ways we've been blind to your invitation and calling in our lives,

Open our eyes, Oh God.

To all the ways we've been blind to the way of your kingdom coming, now and not-yet,

Open our eyes, Oh God.

We want to live as children of light.

We want to learn what pleases You.

We want light shined on the deepest recesses of our beings,

So that all that is hidden may become visible.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, your eyes shall see the Salvation of all Creation and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of

† Jesus Christ, who is the all-sufficient gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light verses 1,2, and 5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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.**

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie) ELW S213a



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Pew Bible, page 1067

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

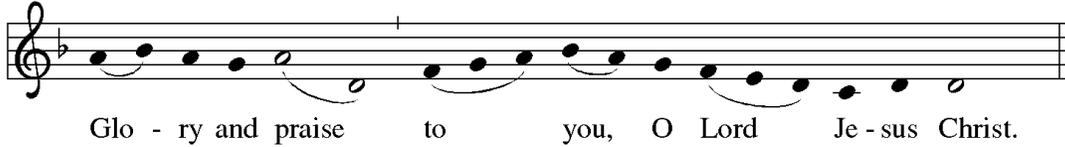
Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation ELW S160b



Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41
Pew Bible, page 976

The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

-response following the reading of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Take some time to mediate on this scripture and watch the YouTube video by clicking on the following hyperlink:

["Why the Blind Man Saw"](https://youtu.be/T4JVRwG3j8M).

If your browser does not allow you to open links from a PDF file, please type the following directly into your browser: <https://youtu.be/T4JVRwG3j8M>.

Sermon

***“Dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly ...”***

Pastor Wayne

Words and Music by
Bob Cull

$\text{♩} = 76$

D D^{sus}/E D/F# G²(#4) G G/A A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -

7 D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷

-sus, _____ to reach out and touch Him, _____ and

13 Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D Dmaj⁷ D D^{sus}/E D/F# G²(#4) G

say that we love Him. _____ O - pen our ears, Lord, _____

20 Em⁷ A Bm⁷ A⁷/C# G/D D A/C# Bm D/A

_____ and help us to lis - ten. _____ O - pen our

26 Gmaj⁹ Em A⁷ G²/B A⁷/C# Em/D D

eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

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Apostles' Creed

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

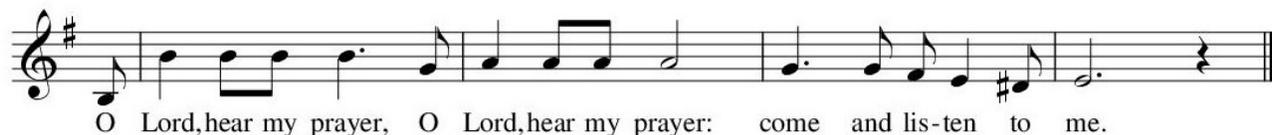
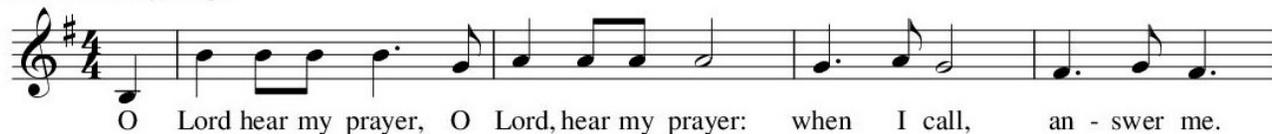
Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Prayer Hymn ELW 751

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Psalm 102:1-2
Taizé Community, adapt.

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



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—response after each petition: **Your mercy is great.**

—response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and offer a prayer for our siblings in the virtual household.

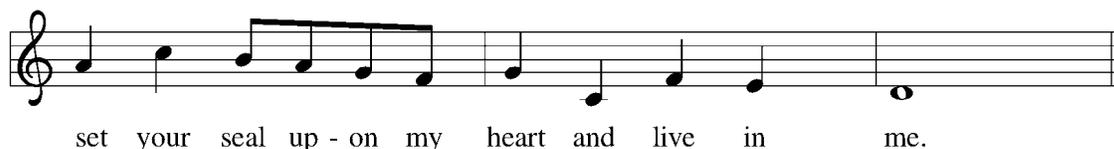
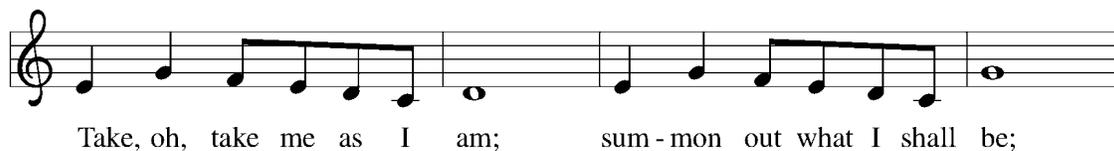
THANKSGIVING

Offering

During this time of isolation, there are many needs with our congregation, our local community and the world. We are unable to present in-person the gifts we offer to aid the church in pursuing God's mission. During this time, you may send you gifts directly to the church via mail or contribute via our online giving resources at <http://stlukeabq.org/>

Offertory Hymn ELW 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

*-response after the prayer: **Amen.***



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

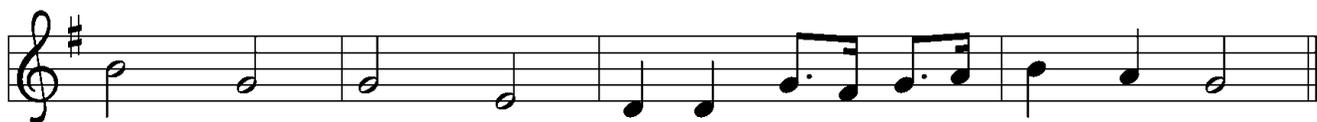


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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