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Season of Lent

27 March 2022

I suffered ... from a far greater sickness, and a more painful one, which has remained with me all along life's path - and that was *hiraeth* (home-sickness)... It is difficult to define *hiraeth*, but to me it means the consciousness of man being out of his home area and that which is dear to him. That is why it can be felt even among a host of people and amidst nature's beauty. —Martyn Lloyd-Jones

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Introit—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Call to Worship—Psalm 16:2, 5-6, 8-11

Pastor: Say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”

All: **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

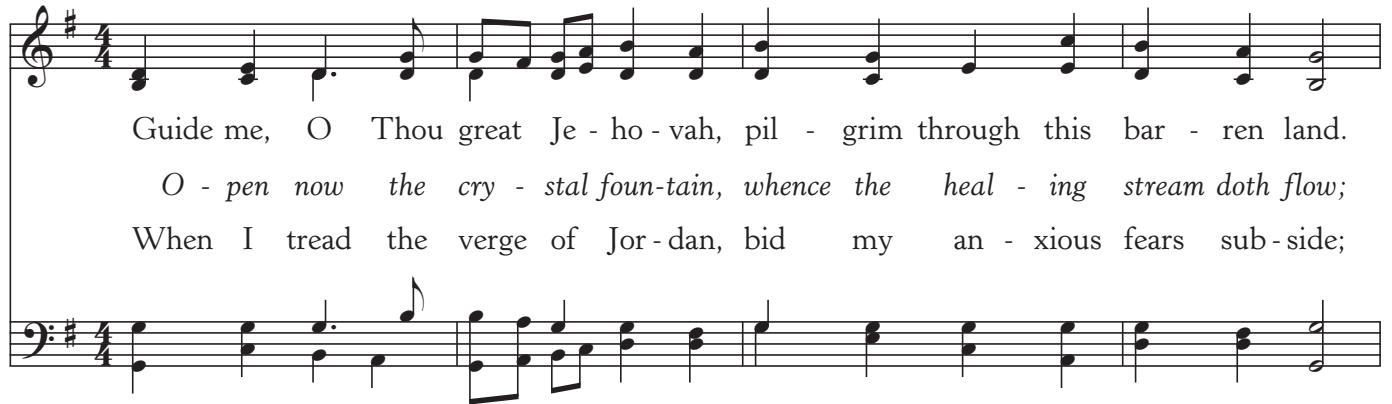
Reader 1: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Reader 2: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

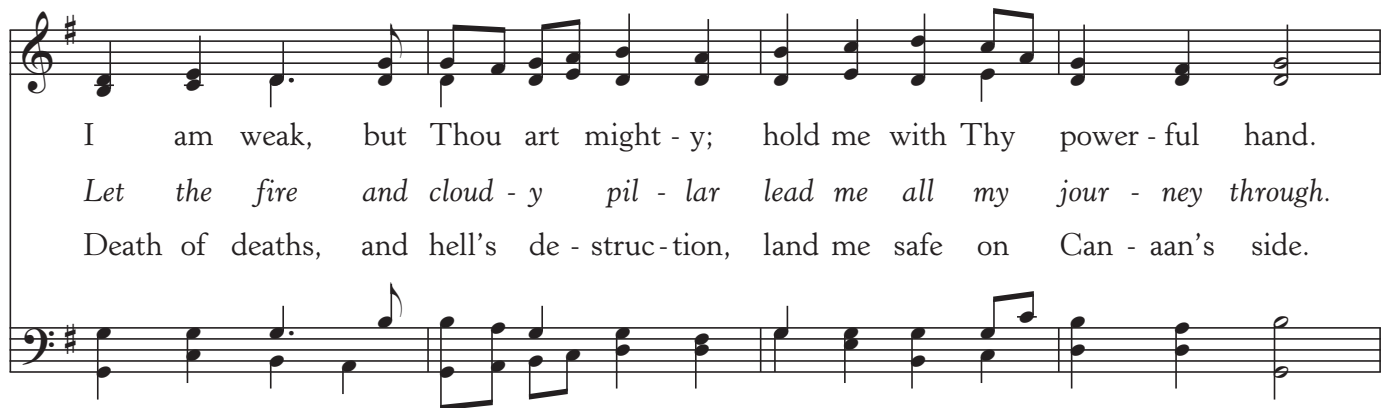
All: **We have set the Lord always before us; because He is at our right hand, we shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hymn of Praise—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
O - pen now the cry - stal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my an - xious fears sub-side;



I am weak, but Thou art might - y; hold me with Thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Can - aan's side.



Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer, be Thou still my Strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to




More; (*want no more*) feed me till I want no more.
Shield; (*Strength and Shield*) be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Thee; (*give to Thee*) I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.


GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.


Psalm of Praise—By Babylon's Great Riverside (Psalm 137)



By Ba - by - lon's great ri - ver - side we cap - tive peo - ples sat and wept;
For there our cap - tors asked for songs; tor - ment - ing us, they asked for praise;
Re - mem - ber Lord, how they laid bare our home up - on that dread - ful day;




While o - ver all our hearts the tide of Zi - on's me - mor - ies had swept.
Re - quir - ing songs that hap - py throngs on Zi - on had been known to raise.
Though wick - ed E - dom now seems fair, her sons are doomed to pass a - way.




On weep - ing wil - lows, droop - ing low, our si - lent, joy - less harps we hung;
But how can we, in for - eign land, Je - ho - vah's songs be made to sing?
Re - mem - ber Lord, the dread - ful day of our land's fall and bit - ter woe

Verse 1 & 2, then Chorus




Their strings were bro - ken, tuned with woe, when with such aw - ful grief they sung.
If I for - get you, let this hand lose all its skill up - on the string.
How hap - py he who shall re - pay the cru - el hat - red of her foe.

Chorus



If I do not re - mem - ber you, for - get my songs, let lan - guage cease



If I should place a - no - ther joy a - bove my care for Zi - on's peace.

Text: Psalm 137, Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907; *The Psalter*, 1912; Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: WILLIAMSON, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise—Jerusalem, My Happy Home



Je - ru - sa - lem my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;
There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as mas - ter of the choir:
There Mag - da - len hath left her moan, and cheer - ful - ly doth sing
Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
They tri - umph still, they still re - joice: most hap - py is their case.
Ten thou - sand times that man were blest that might this mu - sic hear.
With bless - ed saints, whose har - mo - ny in ev - 'ry street doth ring.
Thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: Joseph Bromehead, 1795; Music: LAND OF REST, Traditional Appalachian Melody.

Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Amazing Grace, Vs. 3

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Amazing Grace, Vs. 3'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Thro' man - y dan-gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.'

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: NEW BRITAIN, Traditional American Melody,
Columbian Harmony, 1829, Harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

Sermon—*Home-Sickness*

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Romans 2:1-4, 6-8

Pastor: Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

Pastor: Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

Pastor: He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, He will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

All: So, Lord, we come confessing.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

Slightly faster

WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

MEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

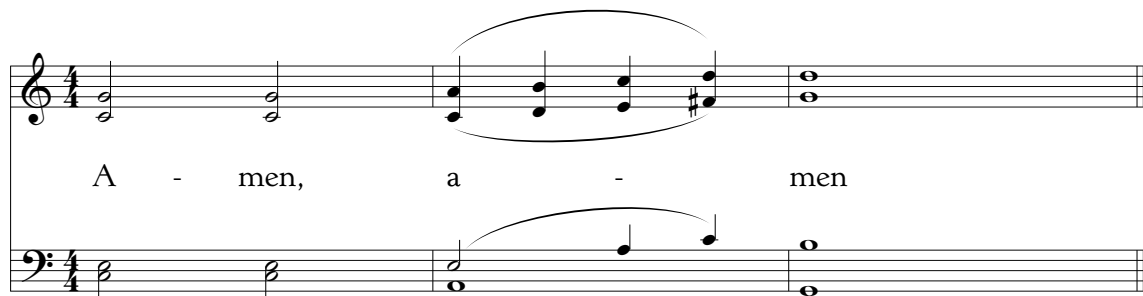
Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 2:15-16; Mark 12:30

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.**

Sung Response—Twofold Amen



A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18th Century.

HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God: the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

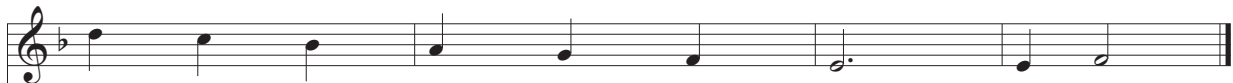


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

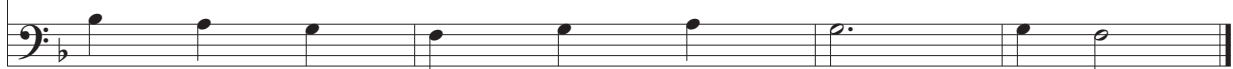
MEN



We praise You, we bless_ You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



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Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Hymn of Reflection—Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 When my life is— al - most— gone, _____
 And the day is— past and— gone, _____

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:—
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. _____
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. _____
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home. _____

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 Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938. Music: MAITLAND, George N. Allen, 1844.

Hymn of Praise—We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zi - on, We will sing with our hearts re - stored;
Fine

"He has done great things," We will say to - geth - er, We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God
 In the dark of night, be fore the dawn My soul, be not a - fraid
 Ev - ery vow we've bro ken and be - trayed You are the faith - ful one

We are not con - sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
 For the pro - mised morn ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jac - ob, be my strength.
 And— from the gar den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise—Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the tree!
 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like His?
 Ye who think of sin but light - ly, Nor sup - pose the e - vil great,
 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the re - fuge of the lost.

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
 Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress:
 Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, His the Name of which we boast.

'Tis the long ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Dav - id's Son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
 Man - y hands were raised to wound Him, None would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the Sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed! See Who bears the aw - ful load!
 Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spok - en: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 But the deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man, and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN,
Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me,



Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 5th Century, Tr. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Last week Pastor Jamie reminded us that we as Christians have a glory that is weightier than any of the sufferings we face now on this earth. C.S. Lewis once said, “The suffering in this world is not the failure of God’s love for us; it is that love in action for believe me, this world that seems to us so substantial is no more than the shadowlands.” We are living in the shadowlands now, but every loss and pain we experience on this earth cannot be compared to the joy we will find when we arrive home. In the shadowlands, we are weak. We are a captive people. We wonder when our sorrows will ever end. Paul encourages us that our heavenly Father is preparing a home for us where we will feast and weep no more. Our weeping will be turned into dancing. Our anxious fears will be engulfed by songs of praises. As Isaiah says, “He will swallow up death forever and the Lord will wipe away tears from all faces.” In these shadowlands, we will have dangers, toils and snares, but grace has brought us safe thus far. As we anticipate eternity, let’s fix our eyes on Jesus — our precious Lord who promises to take our hand and lead us home. —Emma Marsh

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Keystone Verse: For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)



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