



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 10:00am

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ

Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

The Parable of the Talents

Jesus invites us to be ready

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning.

Jesus Christ will soon be among us.

We do not know the day or the hour.

We will watch and be ready.

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Remain seated or kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and mercy, **we admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.**

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Cantor/**Assembly**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Kyrie, eleison;

Assembly



Musical notation for the first Kyrie, eleison. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 5/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "Kyr-i - e, e - le - i - son." are written below the notes.

Kyr-i - e, e - le - i - son.

You came to call sinners: Christe, eleison

Assembly



Musical notation for the second Kyrie, eleison. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 5/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "Chris - te, e - le - i - son." are written below the notes.

Chris - te, e - le - i - son.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Kyrie, eleison

Assembly



Musical notation for the third Kyrie, eleison. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 5/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "Kyr-i - e, e - le - i - son." are written below the notes.

Kyr-i - e, e - le - i - son.

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. A - men.*

Assembly

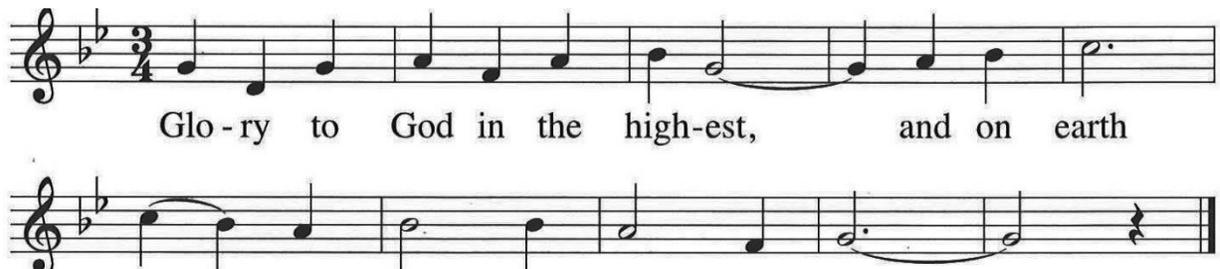


Musical notation for Amen. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the notes.

A - men.

Glory to God

Refrain Sung by Assembly



Musical notation for the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth" are written below the notes.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth



Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E-flat5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E-flat6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The lyrics "peace to peo - ple of good will." are written below the notes.

peace to peo - ple of good will. →

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen! Amen. **Refrain**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

God of promise, we wait for the time when all the world shall know your perfect peace and justice, and you shall reign over all creation in love. Keep us alert and active in your work while we wait in Jesus name. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

*Life can be full when you are prepared to appreciate the little moments,
rather than wishing away your life waiting on the big ones.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 42:1-5, 43:3-4

¹As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

³My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

**⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help**

✠ Growing with Jesus ✠

Message

Song

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Red ELW 334

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

**Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.**

**Give us eyes to see you clearly, make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly, as your gospel shining bright,
As your gospel shining bright.**

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

Prayer response:

Merciful God, **you hear our prayer.**

We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God,
in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Invitation

Jesus comes to us where we are, and calls us into the wedding banquet that has no end. Come and share in the feast of rich foods, and be satisfied, for all is made ready.

✠ We Are Church. Better Together ✠

Options on how to receive Holy Communion:

1) You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and fill along the rail. After you have received communion you may exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or the assisting minister.

2) You may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat,

(One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.)

3) For those participating online, you may have any type of bread and wine or juice and take these elements as you are able.

All are Welcome

You are invited . . .

to bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.

The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Song

Lamb of God

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first line of music starts with a 3/4 time signature and contains the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second line of music is marked "To Repeat" and starts with a 4/4 time signature, containing the lyrics: "world, have mer - cy on us.". The third line of music is marked "Last time" and starts with a 4/4 time signature, containing the lyrics: "world, grant us peace.". The time signature changes from 3/4 to 2/4 in the middle of the first line and back to 4/4 at the end of the first line.

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.**

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

O God, do not let us think we can decide what others deserve to have. Give us hearts as generous as yours, that we might offer gifts in service to your children with no strings attached. Bless what we bring before you today, for your work of compassion and justice in the world. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world

Doxology & Amen

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.

Assembly:



Sending Song

Restore in Us O, God

ELW 328

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.**

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

**Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

Sending

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

NURSERY

The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks
- Intern: Amy Schmuck
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Liturgy Leader: Scott Ikenberry, Megan Hausman, Diane Klinkerfues, Kevin Klinkerfues
- Reader: Marcy Lloyd
- Communion Assistant: Barb Jacobson, Becca Mohrbacher
- Greeter: Kurt & Darlene Mader
- Usher: Michael Boehm
- Altar Guild: Judy Ekberg
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Valerie Reed
- Fellowship Hosts: Myrna Hodson, Suzanne Prelipp

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