

LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH EUCHARISTIC READINGS

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | 10AM



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
515 SECOND STREET | WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

ORDER OF SERVICE & READINGS

Organ Prelude

Johann Pachelbel, Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Ringing of the Bells

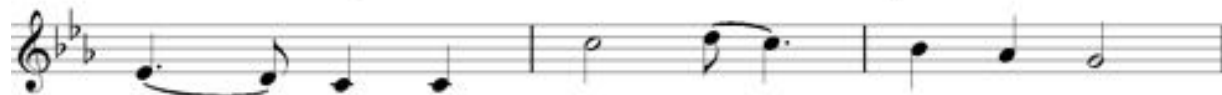
Welcome

Opening Hymn

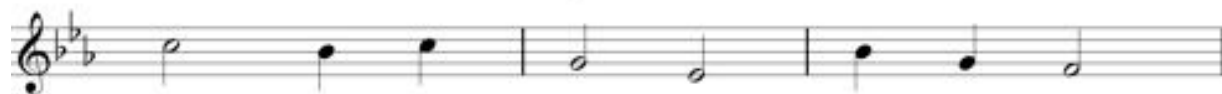
words: John Keble, melody: Elkanah Kelsay Dare



1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,
=3 If on our dai - ly course our mind
=4 Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be,
=5 The tri - vial round, the com - mon task,
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,



1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;
3 be set to hal - low all we find,
4 as more of heaven in each we see;
5 will fur - nish all we ought to ask:
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;



1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,
2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,
3 new trea - sures still, of count - less price,
4 some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer
5 room to den - y our - selves; a road
6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,



1 re - stored to life and power and thought.
2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3 God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.
4 shall dawn on ev - ery cross and care.
5 to bring us dai - ly near - er God.
6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Jesus said: "If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me." –*Mark 8:34*

Confession & Absolution

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Versicle

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Antiphon

Officiant Our God is full of compassion and mercy.

All **O come let us worship.**

Invitatory

Psalm 67:1-5, *Deus misereatur*

All Let us listen today to God's voice:
Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Psalm

Deus, Deus meus, Psalm 22:22-30

- ²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

***All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Antiphon

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The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Canticle F

A Song of Lamentation, Lamentations 1:12, 16; 3:19, 22-24

All **Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ***
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me, *
inflicted by God's fierce anger.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
wormwood and gall!
The steadfast love of God never ceases, *
God's mercies never end.
They are new every morning; *
great is your faithfulness.
"God is my portion," says my soul, *
"therefore will I hope in God."
It is good that we should wait quietly *
for the coming of God's salvation

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave

glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Canticle I

A Song of Jonah, Jonah 2:2-7,9

All **I called to you, O God, out of my distress, and you answered me; *
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, *
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and billows passed over me.
Then I said, “I am driven away from your sight; *
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?”
The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me; *
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land beneath the earth, *
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, *
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; *
what I have vowed I will pay,
for deliverance belongs to the Lord!**

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Homily

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

Hymn

words: att. Richard of Chischester, music: Arthur Henry Biggs

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

All 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 again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People **And listen to our prayer.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Help us, O God our Savior;

People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Officiant Look upon your congregation;

People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Officiant Declare your glory among the nations;

People **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Officiant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Officiant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Officiant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Officiant O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Offerings of prayer and/or money are welcome at this or any time.
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Lord's Prayer

All **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Sentence

Ephesians 3:20, 21

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

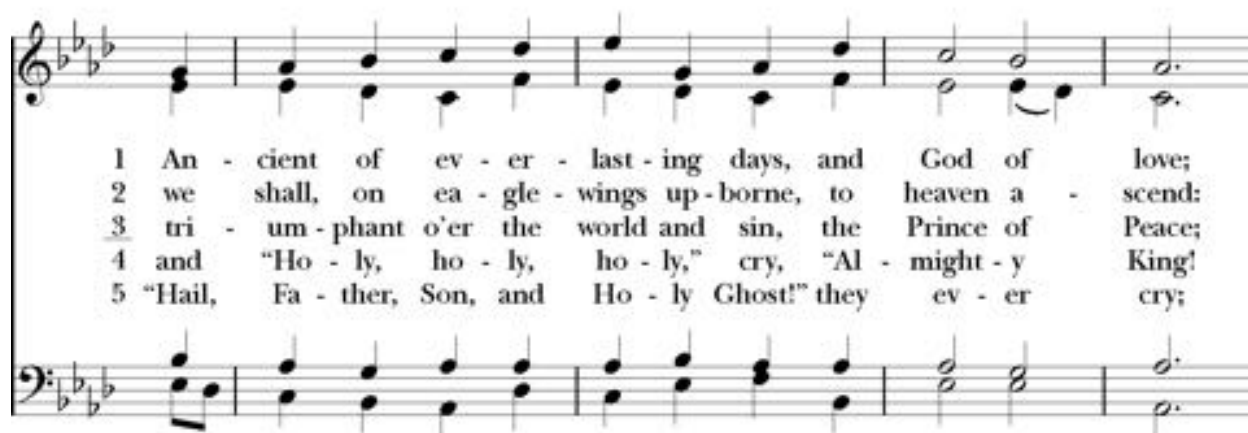
All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

words: Thomas Oliver, music: Hebrew Melody



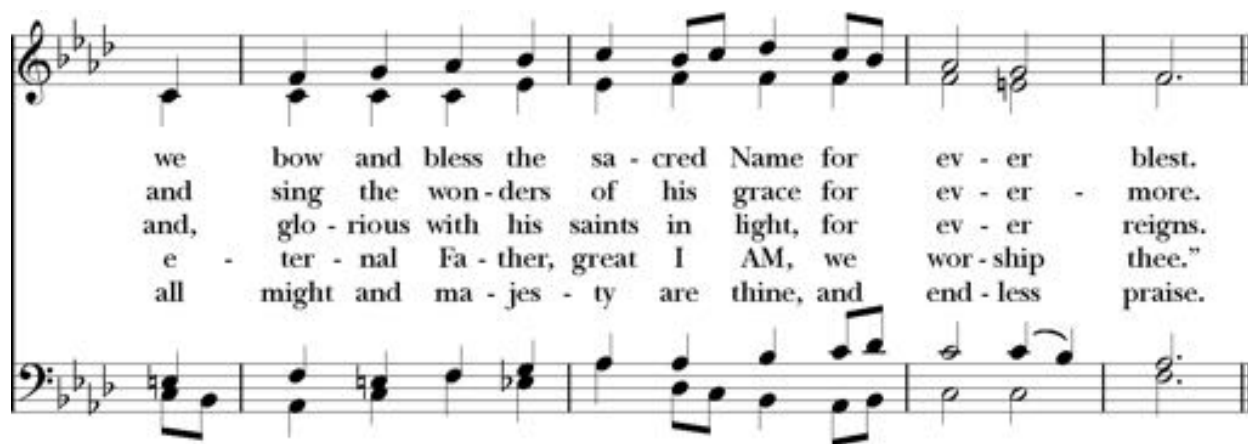
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Postlude

Anonymous, 18th cent., Voluntary 1 in F

**Annual Meeting, immediately after the service.
Come join us!**

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*Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.
Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com*

- Centering Prayer, Sunday, 2/28, 7pm, Sanctuary, [contact Tom Eaton.](#)
- Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom, [contact Tom Eaton.](#)
- "The Way of Love", Wednesdays, 7 pm, via Zoom, [contact Margaret.](#)
- Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom, [contact Mairic.](#)



*St. Luke's is committed
to full inclusion
for queer folk.*



Temenos

(Holy Ground)

WHAT IS TEMENOS?

(Pronounced “tem-én-nos”)

A refuge where community honors and intentionally works with the land, plants, soil, air, water, and animals. This sanctuary offers healing, respite, a nourishing garden, and a place of learning where diversity is sought and all are welcome.

Temenos is located at corner of County Roads 22 and 94B on the west end of Woodland. Come by any time and take a stroll.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Join us at Temenos for a socially-distanced gathering and fundraiser. Amy Allen will be making her famous salsas, and we will be selling vegetable starts for you to plant in your home garden.

WE COULD USE...

In preparation for the fundraiser, we are in need of the disposable plastic containers that your plants came in from the hardware store or nursery. If you have a stash of them lying about and would be willing to donate, please email Shawn at triskal@mac.com and he'll swing by and pick them up.

Our next big expense is the construction of a new greenhouse. if you feel called to donate financially, please visit our GoFundMe page:

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