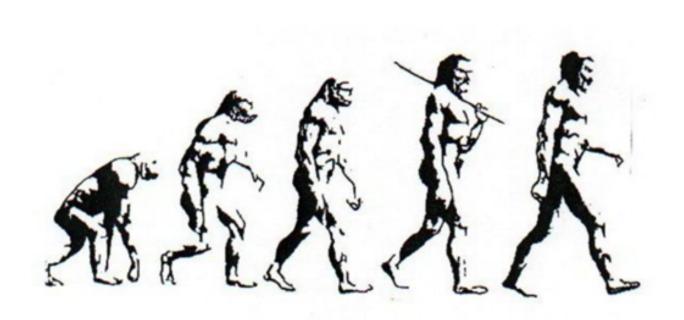
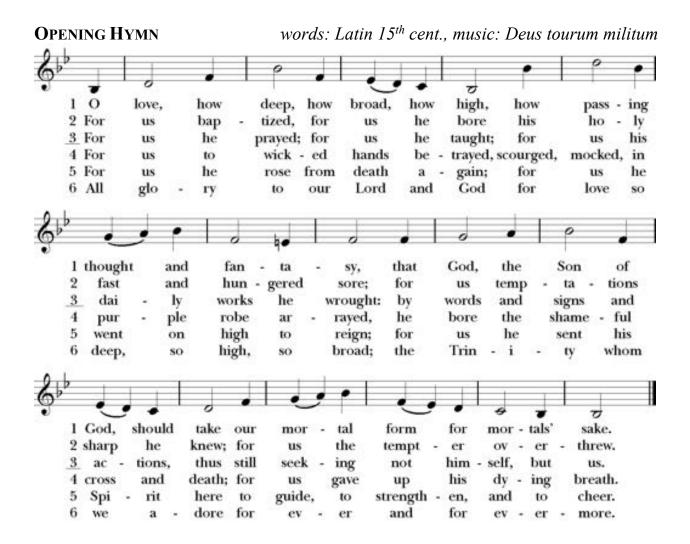
# LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH EUCHARISTIC READINGS $4^{\text{TH}}$ SUNDAY OF LENT 2021 | 10AM



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# RINGING OF THE BELLS & WELCOME



# **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.

### **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**

Confitemini Domino, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \* and his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \* that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- <sup>3</sup> He gathered them out of the lands; \* from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- <sup>17</sup> Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \* they were afflicted because of their sins.
- <sup>18</sup> They abhorred all manner of food \* and drew near to death's door.
- <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \* and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>20</sup> He sent forth his word and healed them \* and saved them from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \* and the wonders he does for his children.
- <sup>22</sup> Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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# THE LESSONS

# A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

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 Ephesians

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."



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 Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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. <u>Click here to donate: https://tithe.ly/give?c=409634</u>

### 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.

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.



# **POSTLUDE**

# Coffee Hour is online, immediately after the service. You're invited!

Sally is this week's host. Please join us via Zoom. Didn't get the link? Sign up for our email newsletter at www.stlukeswoodland.org

# Visit our website for information on how to get Involved

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

- Centering Prayer, Today, 3/14, 7pm, Sanctuary, contact Tom Eaton.
- Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom, contact Tom Eaton.
- "The Way of Love", Wednesdays, 7 pm, via Zoom, <u>contact Margaret.</u>
- Queer Alliance, Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom, contact Mairic.







# 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 far west end of Woodland, across the street from the Woodland Airport. 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. We will be selling containers of Amy Allen's famous salsas, as well as vegetable starts for you to plant in your home garden.



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:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/seed-money-to-start-a-nonprofit