

**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

“Kyrie”

Gottleib Muffat

Opening Hymn

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Hymnal #690

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated*

### First Lesson

(Joshua 5:9-12)

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Joshua

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



Be glad, you right-eous, and re-joice in the LORD.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **Antiphon**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **Antiphon**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you. **Antiphon**

<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Antiphon**

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## The Second Lesson

(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn            “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Hymnal #455

## The Gospel

(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my

father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,**

very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition:*

Let us pray to the Lord  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## The Confession of Sin

*The Deacon or Celebrant says the following*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God,**

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent,**

**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,**

**the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**

**forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may ever hereafter**

**serve and please thee in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of thy Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

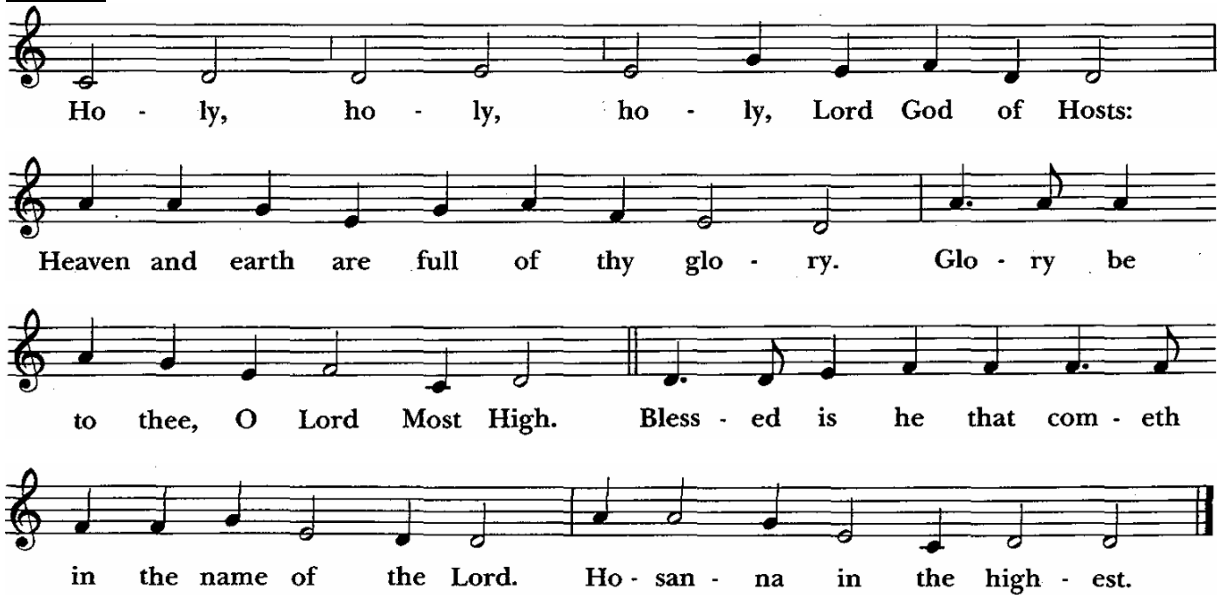
*A Minister may then say the following sentence, first saying*





... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



*Celebrant* *People*  
A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:*



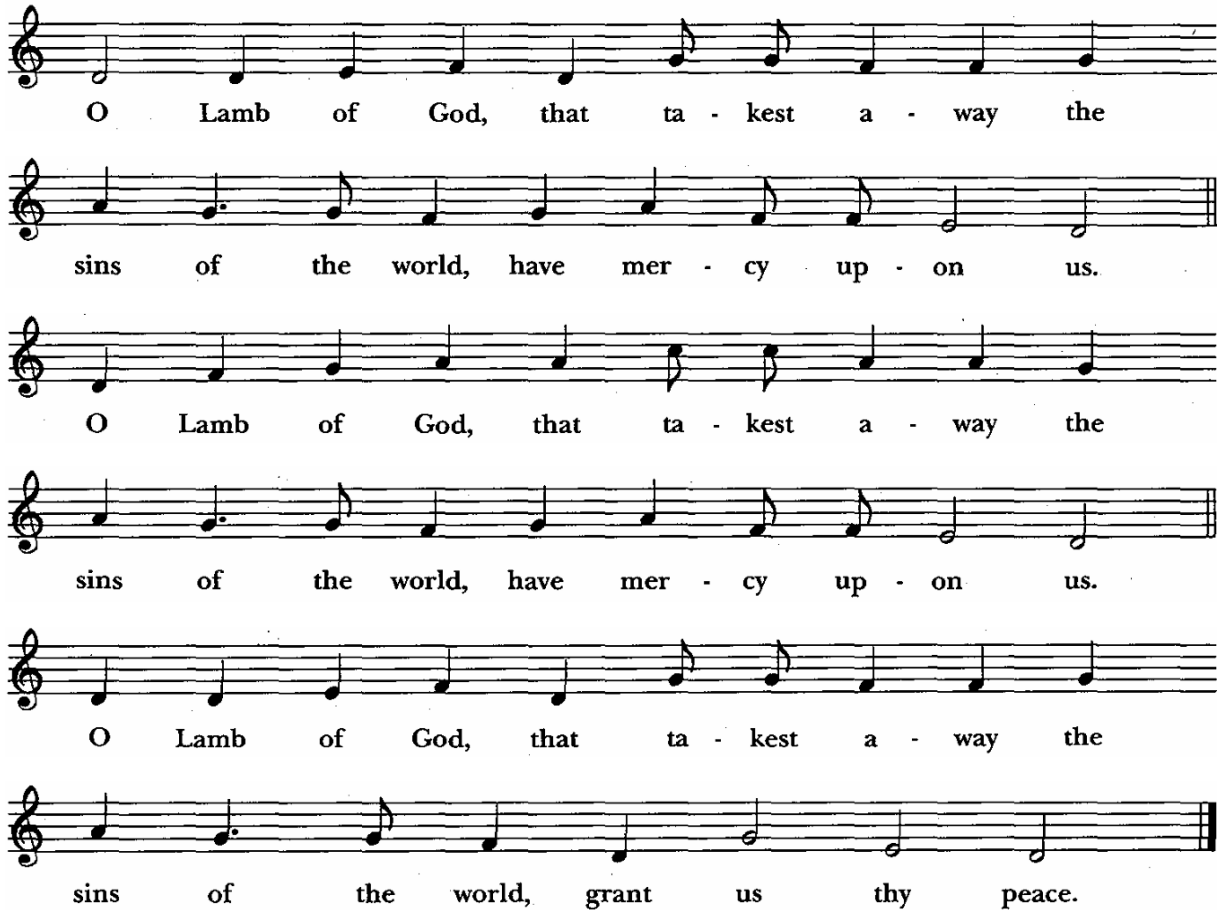
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

Communion Hymn

“There in God’s garden”



1 There in God’s gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, “Our Sav - ior!”  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f’ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

5 This is my ending  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav’n is singing,  
“Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!”  
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

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## Post-communion Prayer

*Please kneel or stand*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

*People* **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Celebrant* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

## Prayer over the People

*The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Priest says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Priest says the prayer*

Look down in mercy, O Lord, upon thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Chaconne”

Louis Couperin

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

**TODAY’S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE:** Zar Telfeyan

**ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Bruno

**FIRST READER:** Darice Griffin

**SECOND READER:** Hazel Dickfoss

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Cindy Ganzel

**CANTOR:** Jim Cook

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Chris Schatzman

**USHERS:** TBD

**COFFEE HOUR:** All Parishioners

**NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR:** Birthday Sunday

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**For our Parish**

**For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie,  
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Michele, Gregory, Maria  
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne, Al

**For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:**

Congregations of St. Luke’s and St. Michael’s Diocese of Milwaukee  
Hospitality Center  
Racine Vocational Ministry  
The DeKoven Center



**For the Church: In the World**  
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo  
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti  
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

**Thanksgiving for Birthdays:** Jeanne, Chris, Lyn

**For Those who have Departed**

Neil Loomis

**Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Undesignated funds**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Easter Flower and Music Donations**

Donations are now being accepted for Easter altar flowers and worship music. This is a lovely way to remember, honor, or give thanks for loved ones or blessings. Please send donations to the church office or place in the Sunday collection and write 'Flowers', 'Music', or 'Flowers and Music' on the memo line of the check. Please also enclose a note listing the memorial or thanksgiving that the donation is being given for as these will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

**Choir for Easter Sunday**

A 'pick-up' choir will gather to sing on Easter Day, April 20. All who enjoy singing are welcome, even if you have ever previously sung in a choir. There will a few opportunities to rehearse together:

- Sunday, March 30 following worship
- Sunday, April 13 following worship
- Sunday, April 20 at 9:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, speak to John Weit after worship or reach him at [john.e.weit@gmail.com](mailto:john.e.weit@gmail.com) or 508-963-7327.

## **Holy Week and Easter Day Worship**

April 13 at 10am – Palm Sunday and Reading of the Passion

April 17 at 6pm - Maundy Thursday:  
Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing  
Agape Meal to follow

April 18 at 12:15pm - Good Friday Liturgy

April 19 at 5pm Easter Vigil at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church  
Renewal of baptismal vows

April 20 at 10am - Easter Sunday:  
Lighting of Paschal Candle  
Holy Eucharist

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Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. — Pope Benedict XVI

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