



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CALVARY Lutheran Church  
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MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
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**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**PRELUDE**

*Legend in A Flat Major*  
Paderewski  
*Danny Boy*  
Grainger

**Andy Shen**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus #338**  
**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.**

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

#### **GREETING**

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**GLORIA p. 204** (red hymnal, front section)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Maker of surpassing worth;  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Maker's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Let us pray together.

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **WORD**

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

## **FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—  
a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,  
says the Lord:

**I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,  
“Know the Lord,”**

**for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,  
says the Lord;**

**for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery #334 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**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.**

**God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath,  
love as near as ev'ry breath.**

**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.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest,  
but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
“**You are my Son, today I have begotten you**”;

as he says also in another place,

**“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;  
and having been made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,  
having been designated by God a high priest  
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      p. 205      (red hymnal, front section)**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 12:20-33

The gospel lesson for this Fifth Sunday in Lent is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the 20<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O God.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

**Philip went and told Andrew;**

**then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.**

**Jesus answered them,**

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain;

but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it,

and those who hate their life in this world

will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled.  
And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’?  
No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>2</sup>  
Father, glorify your name.”

**Then a voice came from heaven,**

**“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”**

**The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.**

**Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”**

**Jesus answered,**

“This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgment of this world;

now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Just As I Am #592  
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**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 to judge the living and 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children, especially Lutheran Social Services. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation, especially the Calvary prayer chain. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially,

- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – thanksgiving for good health
- Jean Senter – recovering from knee problems
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha’s cousin – heart problems
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Nancy Padilla – going through multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – for peace and comfort
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – Thankful for a successful eye surgery
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence
- For Rachel Jacoby who celebrates her birthday this week

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all hurting hearts, please, we ask, that you tend to the needs of other people who we now name,

*[You may name out loud or in your heart, those who are on your hearts, this morning.]*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us *especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share that peace with one another.

**OFFERING PRAYER**



Let us pray together.... **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name.**

**Amen.**

## **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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 207**

**(red hymnal, front section)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it

and gave it to his disciples saying,

"Take and eat, this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,

shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

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, forever and ever.  
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD p. 208 (red hymnal, front section)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

COMMUNION MUSIC      *Nocturne in G Minor*      Andy Shen  
Fanny Mendelssohn

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:  
Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**AMEN.**

## BLESSING

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.  
Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

**Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #545**  
(red hymnal, rear section)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Out There*  
Mencken and Schwartz, transc. Shen

**Andy Shen**

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Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer**, for assisting today.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 3, Episode 8 from *The Chosen*, to prepare ourselves for the episodes of Season 4 which are coming next. This group will take a hiatus for the next two Sundays.
- **The Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet on Tuesday, March 19th, at 10:00 am. We will be discussing the Passion Story in Mark 14:1-15:47.
- The **Bible Study on the Parables of Grace** will take place on Tuesday, March 19th, 1:10 to 2:30 pm entirely on Zoom.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** will be on hiatus for the next two weeks.
- There will be one more **soup supper and mid-week Lenten worship** on Wednesday, March 20th starting at 5:30 pm. You many sign up today to provide soup, bread and dessert.
- The **Church Council** will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, is **Palm Passion Sunday**. We will wave our palms for the triumphant procession into Jerusalem, hear a reading of the Passion story in the gospel of Mark, have Holy Communion, and leave in quiet.
- Despite the quiet ending of worship, there will be a **congregational potluck** following worship next Sunday.
- **Maundy Thursday** worship will be on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We will remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and have the washing of feet for those who wish.
- **Good Friday** worship will be on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary, featuring a cantata sung by Tom Anello and other hymns and readings. It will have a somber atmosphere.
- **Decorating the sanctuary** for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 pm.
- **Easter Sunday** worship will be on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. There will be celebratory decorations, a flower cross on the grass outside the sanctuary windows, holy communion, and wonderful Easter hymns.
- We continue the **Lenten collection of food and other household items** for Iglesia San Juan Bautista (formerly Santa Cruz), with the goal of reaching over 888 pounds of goods. You may bring your contributions to boat in the sanctuary. The last day to bring contributions will be Palm Sunday.
- Thanks to all who made Calvary's participation in the city-wide Yard Sale such a big success!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Remember to check the website calendar for upcoming events!**

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