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Hymns can be found in the hymnal unless otherwise noted.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #617 - "We Come To You for Healing, Lord" (page 5)

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

I confess that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I repent of all my sins, known and unknown. I am truly sorry, and I pray for forgiveness. I firmly intend to amend my life, and to seek help in mending what is broken. I ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

Silence for reflection.

Cling to this promise: the word of forgiveness I speak to you comes from God. By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. Almighty God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF LENTEN CANDLES

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain caused by pride, greed, and injustice in the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, we seem to be surrounded by demons. Some are demons over which we have no control. Others we have brought upon ourselves by choices we have made. But we know Lord, that all demons of every kind are subject to your power and love. Forgive us, Lord, for dwelling upon the demons rather than upon you, the answer to the demons that seem to torment us. Forgive us, Lord, for trying every other means of overcoming our demons before we learn to trust you and rely upon prayer. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to think that some demons may be beyond your control. We offer this prayer in the name of the one who cast out demons and who will rid us of our demons if we only rely upon Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING - Psalm 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL -Mark 1: 21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

VIDEO: "The Way" by Adam Hamilton

HYMN OF THE DAY #611 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (page 6)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (From the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill health. . .
(silence to allow the names and faces of those you know to come to mind). May they
know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit. . .
May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world and the
places where people are experiencing hurt and division, including places of hurt and
division in my own life. . .

May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those experiencing loss and grief. . .
May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those who need wisdom for their next
steps. . .

May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Loving God, I hold in your healing presence those people and situations that seem
broken beyond repair. . .

May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

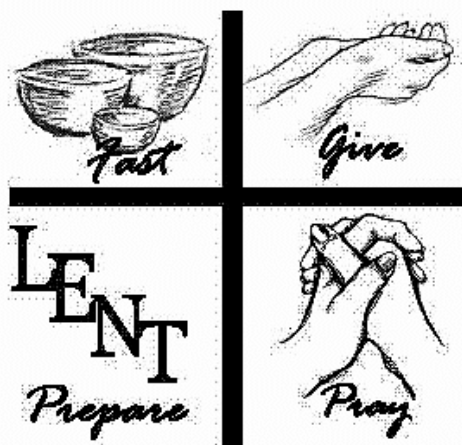
Loving God, I hold in your healing presence and peace those whose needs are not
known to me but are known by you, and for those for whom I have been asked to pray.
And I name in my heart all those who are close to me.

May they know the deep peace of Jesus.

hear our prayer.

Glory to God, from whom all love flows. Glory to Jesus, who showed His love through
suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.

Amen.



Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #561 - "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" (page 7)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**Serving you today
in Christ's love:**

Ushers

Reader

Nora Geach

OPENING HYMN #617 - "We Come To You for Healing, Lord"



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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Weekly Wednesday till Easter -7:00pm
 Palm Sunday, March 24 - 8:00am, 10:30am
 Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00pm
 Good Friday, March 29 - 1:30pm, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
 6:30am, 8:30am and 10:30am
 With breakfast between 6:30am-8:30am services

HYMN OF THE DAY #611 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune



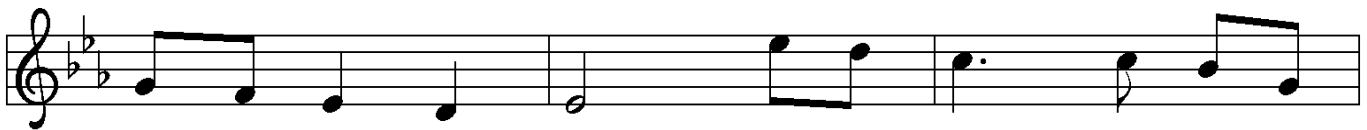
SENDING HYMN #561 - "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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