GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH "A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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WORSHIP SERVICE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 6:00 PM

Lenten Worship



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.

Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you After the service, speak to your neighbor.



The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

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<u>PLEASE NO PERFUME/COLOGNE...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)? Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. **Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church and refrain from using it.** Thank You.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1

Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

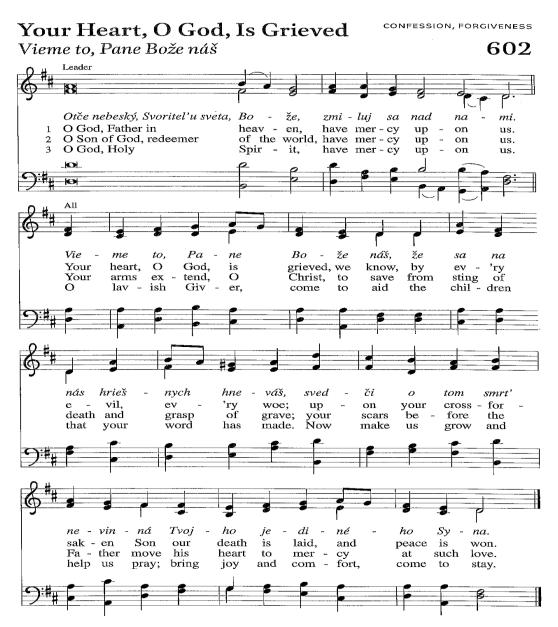
C We are blessed to be a blessing.

P None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

C Amen.

347 Go to Dark Gethsemane dark Geth-sem - a - ne, Go to all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r; to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of 2 Fol-low life ar - raigned; 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet, 4 Ear - ly the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay: Watch with him one bit - ter hour; your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. sol - i - tude and gloom. all Who has tak - en him griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to turn not from his pray. Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross. fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die. Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Say - ior, teach us rise. SO

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



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PRAYER OF THE DAY (together we pray)

C Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:39-62

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." [2] 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." [[43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ^{[b] 45} When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."[c] ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" 49 When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!"

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

- P This is the Word of Truth.
- C Lord help us to understand.

Teaching: "The Real Battle" Roger Tracey



THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

C Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who betray you by our disobedience to your will.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see the price of grace.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through the Word.

C Lord, have mercy.

P When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption.

C Lord, have mercy.

P We praise you that your faithfulness to us is great and your mercies are new to us every morning.

C Lord, have mercy.

P In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will say no to traitorous sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
- C Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.
- P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who suffered in our stead the penalty for betrayal.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

P May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive the treachery of traitors, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever!

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. God is with you.
- Thanks be to God.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Jerry Taylor/Diane Lee

GREETERS: Joanne Ausing/Char Schomisch

LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th our guest teacher will be Judy Zeiss.

Holy Week Services:

March 23	Palm Sunday Weekend	Sat., 4:00 p.m.
March 24		Sun., 7:45 & 9:30
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday Service	7:00 & 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

There is no service on Saturday, March 30th.

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