

**GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
“A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS”**

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**WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 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.

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.

Mercy in Service • Hebrews : • In response to God's kindness to us in Jesus, we serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example.

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, but on the contrary, bless, for ot his 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.

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Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 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.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS

Vieme to, Pane Bože náš

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Leader



Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u světa, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren




nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
 e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and




ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.



Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: *Tranoscius*, 1636; arr. Michal Kutzky, 1828–1899
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ZNÁME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ
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Prayer of the Day



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.

The King Shall Come


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1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



GOSPEL: Luke 23:26-43

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]]^[b] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[c] of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him,^[d] “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah?^[f] Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in^[g] your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P This is the Word of Truth.

C Lord help us to understand.

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For All the Saints



6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar ... the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, ...



King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 your servants.

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.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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SINE NOMINE
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3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION

P May the merciful God, who is faithful to forgive your self-serving sin, direct you to serve others in his name and through his power, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Joanne Ausing/ Char

GREETERS: Randy/Mary Zieman

Holy Week Services:

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| 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.



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

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

PLEASE NO PERFUME/COLOGNE... 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.

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