

VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024
10:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE

Dinah Helgeson

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

CANDLELIGHTING


GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

- [P]** Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [P]** Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- [P]** Gracious and merciful God,
- [C]** We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.
**We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.
We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.
We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.
We have neither worked to release the oppressed
nor admitted our own captivities.
Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free
that we might live with your whole creation
in the justice and joy of your promised future.**
- [P]** God, who is merciful and kind,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
that they might praise God and serve the world
with glad and generous hearts.
- [P]** For freedom Christ has set you free.
- [C]** Thanks be to God.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Roger Gebhard, Cantor

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

5 [C] Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

9 [A] 1. For the reign of
[A] 2. For your peo - ple

— Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

14 God, and for peace through - out the world, for the
here who have come to give you praise, for the

17 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord:
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord:

21 [C] Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

25 [A] Help, save, and de - fend us, O

mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

30 God. [C] A men.

Simple ending To Hymn of Praise*

HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen Roger Gebhard, Cantor on Verses

GLORY TO GOD

Strong $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 56-58$

§ Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1.2. To Verses 1 and 2



earth. earth.

poco rit.

To Prayer of the Day

Verse 1



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God- and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we_ give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

D.S.

Verse 2



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the_ sin of the world: have

30

 mer - cy on us. [I+II] You are seat - ed at the

33

 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. D.S.

Verse 3
 37

 [I] For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,___

41

 [II] You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

44

 Ho - ly Spir - it, [I+II] in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. D.S.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. 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.** *Congregation sits*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 31.

L: 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.**



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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
*in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness, *and cleanse me ¹from my sin.
For I know ¹my offenses, *and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
*so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness, *a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me,
*and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹shall be clean;
*wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹er than snow.

Let me hear ¹joy and gladness; *that the body you have broken ¹may rejoice.
Hide your face ¹from my sins, *and blot out ¹all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean ¹heart, O God, *and renew a right spir- ¹it within me.
Cast me not away ¹from your presence, *and take not your Holy Spir- ¹it from me.

Restore to me the joy of ¹your salvation *and sustain me with your boun- ¹tiful Spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector

L: A reading from Hebrews, Chapter 5.

L: 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.**

Please stand as able

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (next page): from “*Tree of Life*”, by Marty Haugen, p. 10

Re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful,
 slow to an-ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast
 love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 12. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: 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. 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.”³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day (next page):

ELW, #379

Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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APOSTLES' 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 the 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. *Please sit*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Patte Wagner, Assisting Minister (A)

A: 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: 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.**

A: 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.**

A: 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. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: 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. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation . Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #314

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,

C: Amen. *Please stand as able*

The Great Thanksgiving: "Tree of Life", pp. 18, 20, by M. Haugen

Rev. John Barich, Cantor (P)

The GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE OPENING



P It is in - deed right and good that we should everywhere and

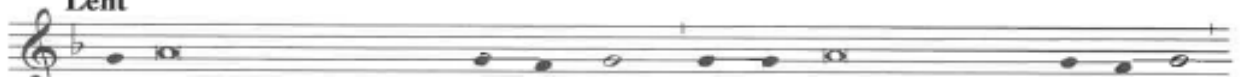


al - ways of - fer thanks and praise to you, Ho - ly

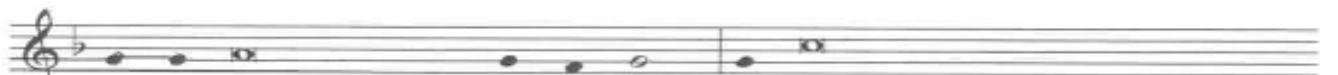


God, might - y and im - mor - tal, through Christ, our Lord...

Lent



P You bid us return to you and be re-newed, that your justice may shine like the sun



and the poor of the earth be lift - ed up. And so with the Church on earth and the



hosts of heav-en, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn.

HOLY, HOLY

Introduction omitted when Preface is sung.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
5 God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your
9 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
12 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
15 bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
18 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
21 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: **Invitation to Communion:** This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #465

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. 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. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, **✠** bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

Sending Song:

ELW, #545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment of chords and moving bass lines. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share your bread. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner
Lector – Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke
Communion Assistant – Dianne Kutzke
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantors – Roger Gebhard, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

Worship Assistants Next Week (3/24/24):

Guest Pastor – Fr. Evan Clendenin
Assistant Minister – June Langland
Lector – TBA
Communion Assistant – TBA
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantors – Roger Gebhard, Fr. Evan Clendenin
Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

IFCH Dinner Program: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com to help.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-473-8715.
Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

Worship Assistants Needed: For Palm Sunday, Mar. 24, at VLC, and for Maundy Thurs. Mar. 28, 5:30 PM at CHS (Episcopal) and Good Friday, Mar. 29, 7:00 PM at VPC (Presbyterian). Please sign up on the clipboard on the banister at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Worship
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
March 18, 7:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting
Worship Committee Mtg. at June Langland's

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon
Mar. 20, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group
VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
Mar. 28, 5:00 pm

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC
IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY
7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men

REMAINING LENT – EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE ZOOM SERVICE @ Vashon Presbyterian Church

MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and preaching)

MAR 25, 26, 27– MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC (Fr. Clendenin & Pr. J. M. Barich)

MAR 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC w/ VLC & CHS (Pr. Weber preside & preach; Pr. Barich & Fr. Clendenin participate)

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS

MAR 31 – EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH 9:00 – 10:00 AM @ VLC Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share! Coffee & juice will be provided.

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for March 17, 2024

ACS, 1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

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Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW, 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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As the Grains of Wheat

ELW, 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing