

March 14, 2021  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*The Rich Man and Lazarus*

## GATHER

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

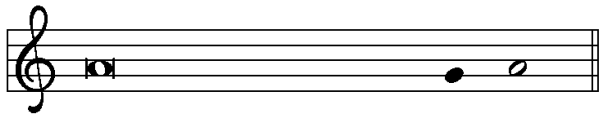
*Silence*

Most merciful God,  
We confess that we are captive to sin:  
we are quick to tell partially true stories where we are right and good,  
we often assume other people's motives are mean-spirited, and  
we don't want to wade into the messiness of life.  
We have not loved you wholeheartedly.  
We have not loved our neighbors and friends and enemies with the courage you have created in us. For Jesus sake, strengthen us to rumble with our failings and rise strong in your love.

ONE: The Rising Strong endings to our stories are grounded in the love source of the universe, which we call Jesus. As we struggle with our brokenness and work to change how we engage with the world, God's forgiveness works in us. The love of Jesus ultimately transforms the way we live, love, and lead.  
Your sins are forgiven, you are free.

**MANY: AMEN**

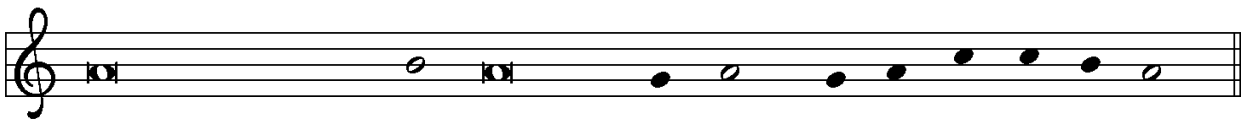
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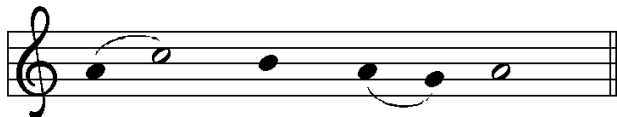
ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



**MANY:**

ONE:

The first measure of the song is written on a five-line staff. It contains four notes: a quarter note on the first line (F4), a quarter note on the second line (G4), a quarter note on the third line (A4), and a quarter note on the fourth line (B4). A slur is placed under the first three notes, and a fermata is placed over the fourth note.

**MANY:**

Assisting minister



All



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



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 mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Divine Word,

You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

**MANY: AMEN**

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

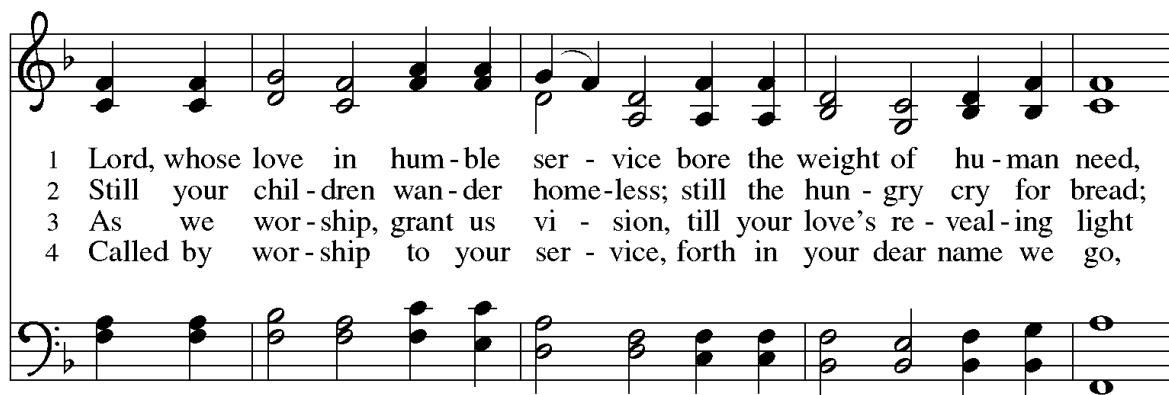
19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

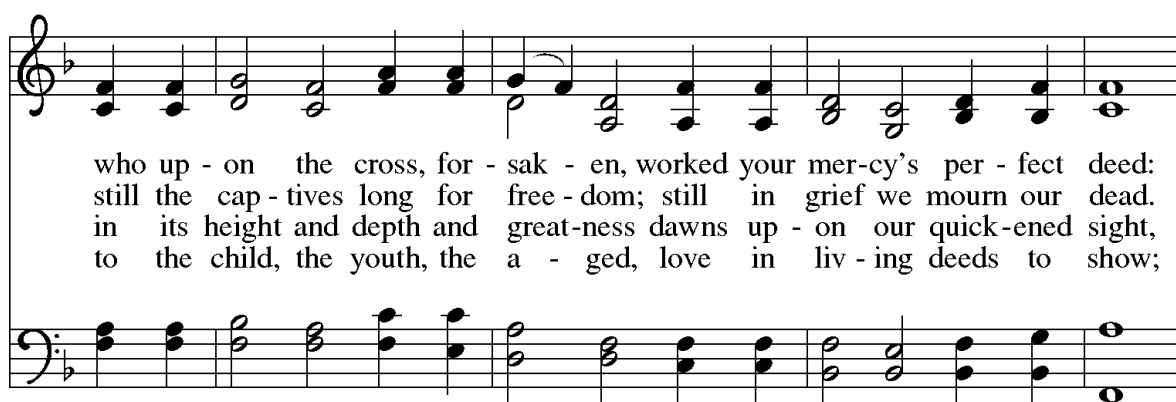
**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

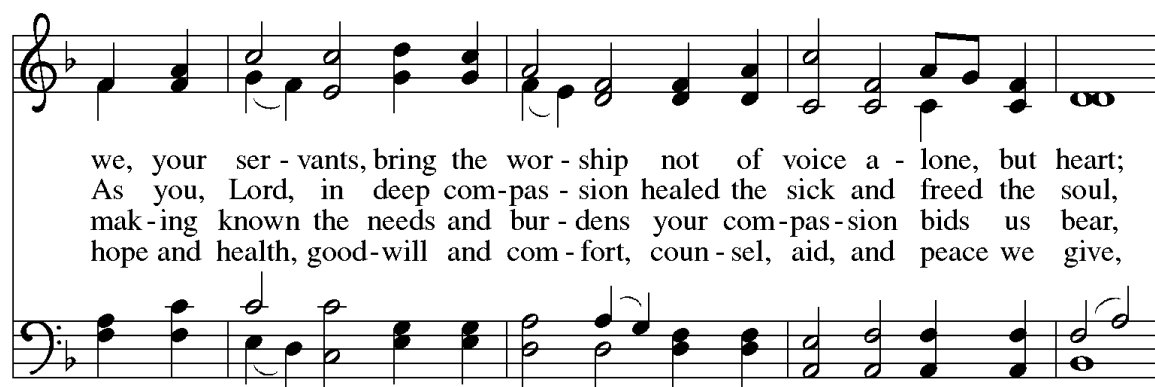
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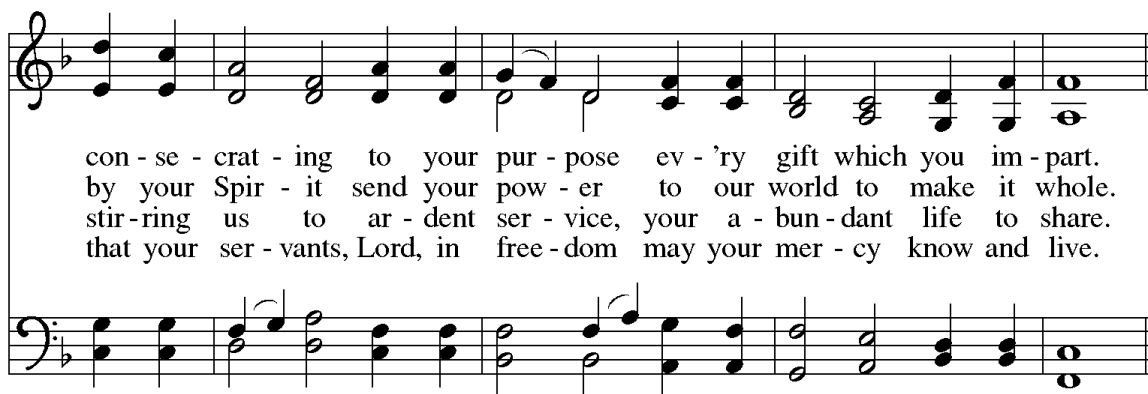
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY:**       **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 Christ rose again;  
                  he ascended into heaven,  
                  he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
                  and 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: We come before God with prayers on behalf of creation, the nations of the world, Christ's church, and all who are in need.

*Silence*

ONE: God of the Journey, may our Lenten practices renew us in faith and inspire us to actions that create justice and joy in your world. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, you set out with courage and vulnerability, giving yourself as the ultimate sacrifice for the healing of the world. Yet, today there is discord between parties and nations, citizens and governments, which continues to tear your peace and justice apart. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, make us vulnerable in our journeys, that we might see not only how we participate in divisions, but how we might contribute to resolution. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, you cannot help but stop along the way to heal and restore, to lift up and renew, to comfort all who are in need. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort ... 1 year since COVID began...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

*Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross*

words by Fanny J. Crosby,  
music by William H. Doane

- 1) Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

- 2) Near the cross, a trembling soul  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

- 3) Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

- 4) Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

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

**MANY: 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**

SEND

SENDING HYMN

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Text: ELW 332  
Tune: ELW 723

- 1) I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
    your head upon my breast."  
    I came to Jesus as I was,  
    so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
    and he has made me glad.
- 2) I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Behold, I freely give  
    the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
    I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
    and now I live in him.
- 3) I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
    and all your day be bright."  
    I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
    till trav'ling days are done.

**BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

ONE: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
    be of good courage;  
    hold fast to that which is good;  
    render to no one evil for evil;  
    strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
    help the afflicted; honor all people;  
    love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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ELW 712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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ELW 332 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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