



March 20, 2022  
The Third Sunday of Lent  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*Peter's Denial*

## GATHER

PRELUDE

*Jesu, meines Lebens Leben*

Anne Krentz Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**MANY: AMEN**

ONE: Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**MANY: AMEN**

ONE: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*silence for reflection*

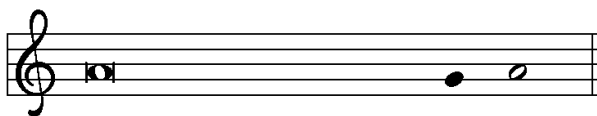
ONE: Most merciful God,

**MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN**

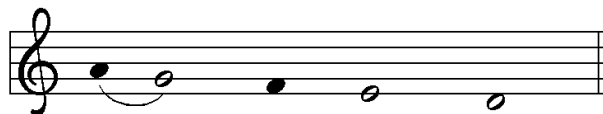
ONE: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**MANY: AMEN**

+KYRIE

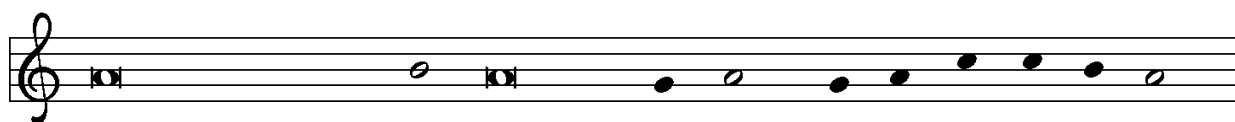


ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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,

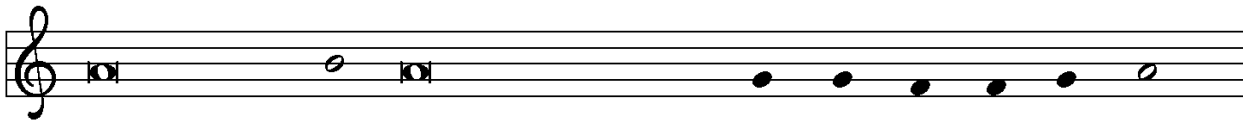


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

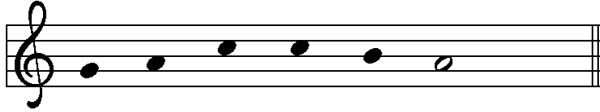


MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

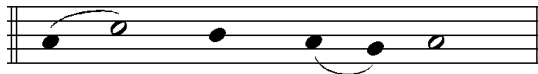
ONE:



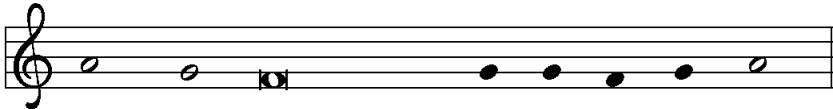
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord have mer - cy.



ONE: Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



MANY: A - men.

#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you.

MANY: AMEN

#### WORD

##### SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-38

**31** When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**36** Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” **37** Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” **38** Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.”

John 18:1-27

**18** After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. **2** Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. **3** So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. **4** Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” **5** They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. **6** When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. **7** Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” **8** Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” **9** This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” **10** Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. **11** Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

**12** So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. **13** First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. **14** Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

**15** Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, **16** but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. **17** The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” **18** Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

**19** Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. **20** Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. **21** Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.” **22** When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” **23** Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” **24** Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

**25** Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” **26** One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” **27** Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word.

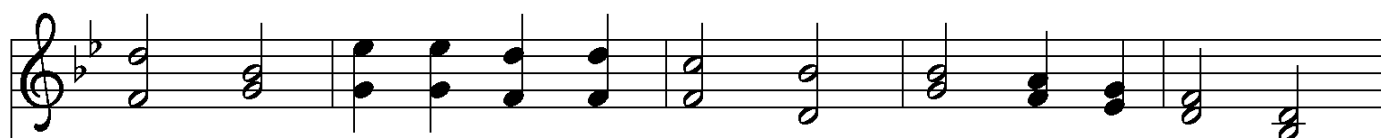
**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Wayne Peterson



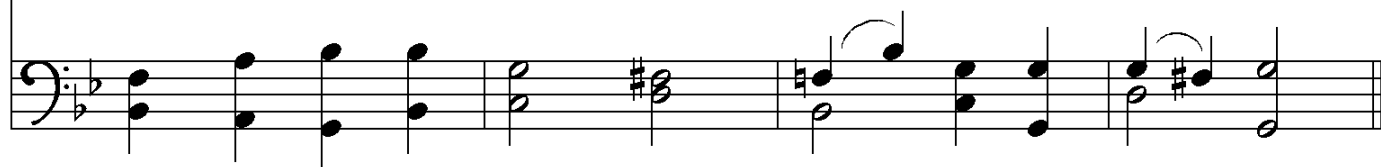
1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



*Anyone who wishes to see better is invited to move closer to the baptismal font.*

ONE: God's love is a gift that is freely given to us. Jesus' love is always moving towards us. In this sacrament of baptism we are claimed by God's amazing grace, love and salvation. Through our baptism, God calls us into the world for the thriving of our neighbor... that's vocation. Vocation is what it means to live our faith in all areas of our life. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to a life of meaning in Jesus Christ. We are anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and we are part of God's mission.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the love of God, do you desire to have Margo baptized?

SPONSORS & PARENTS: Yes, with God's help.

ONE: When you bring Margo to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with your child among God's faithful people, bring your child to the word of God and the holy supper, teach your child the Prayer Jesus Taught Us, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in your child's hands the holy scriptures, and nurture your child in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through their vocations, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to empower Margo to grow in the Christian faith and life?

SPONSORS & PARENTS: Yes, with God's help.

ONE: People of Peace, do you promise to support Margo and her family in faith and life?

**MANY: Yes, with God's help.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

ONE: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**MANY: I renounce them.**

ONE: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**MANY: I renounce them.**

ONE: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**MANY: I renounce them.**

ONE: Do you believe in God the Father?

**MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

ONE: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**MANY: 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; who descended to the dead. On the third day Christ rose again; Christ ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Christ will come to judge the living and the dead.**

ONE: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**MANY: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

ONE: Margo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ONE: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons the joy and abundance of life that surrounds us now and into eternity. Sustain Margo with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**ALL: AMEN**

ONE: Margo, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

ONE: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven.

ONE: Let us welcome the newly baptized:

**MANY: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving praise to God for grace and our vocation in God's world. AMEN**

SONG

*Welcome, Child of God*

words by Anne Ylvisaker



+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Silence*

ONE: Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in unity with all people, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Mysterious God, whose imagination and desire embrace all: We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces, in the order and the chaos of the universe, and in the complexities of every living system. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world's harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community. Lord in your mercy,  
**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Compassionate God, your Son brought healing and wholeness to people stricken with disease, death, and demons that destroyed the joys of life. Look with favor on all who struggle with illness and those who love them. Grant them your strength to cope with the difficulties of each day. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort ...

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.

### MEAL

OFFERING

*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

arr. Thomas Keesecker

+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**

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**MANY: We lift them to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

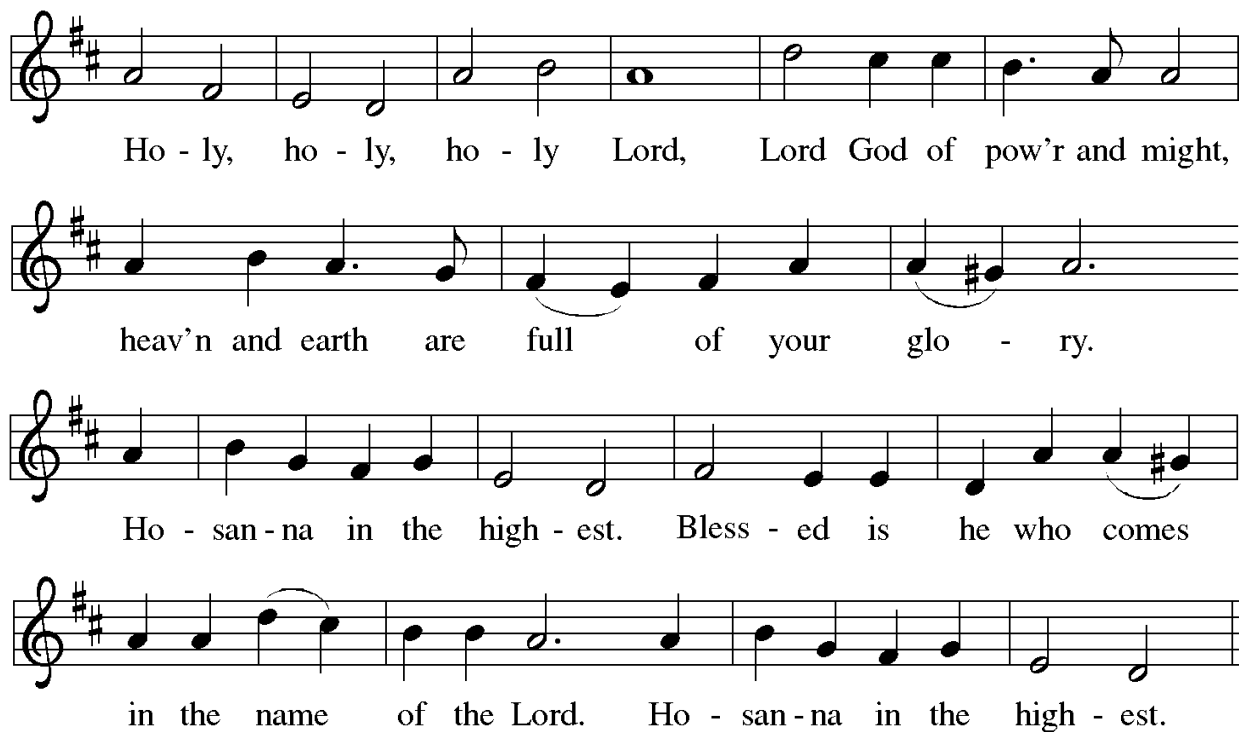
**MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

+PREFACE

ONE: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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,**

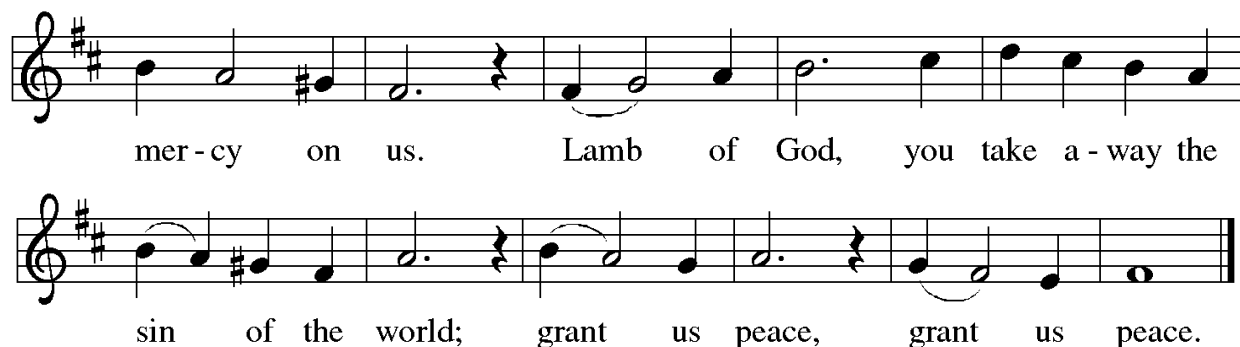
**now and forever. AMEN**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

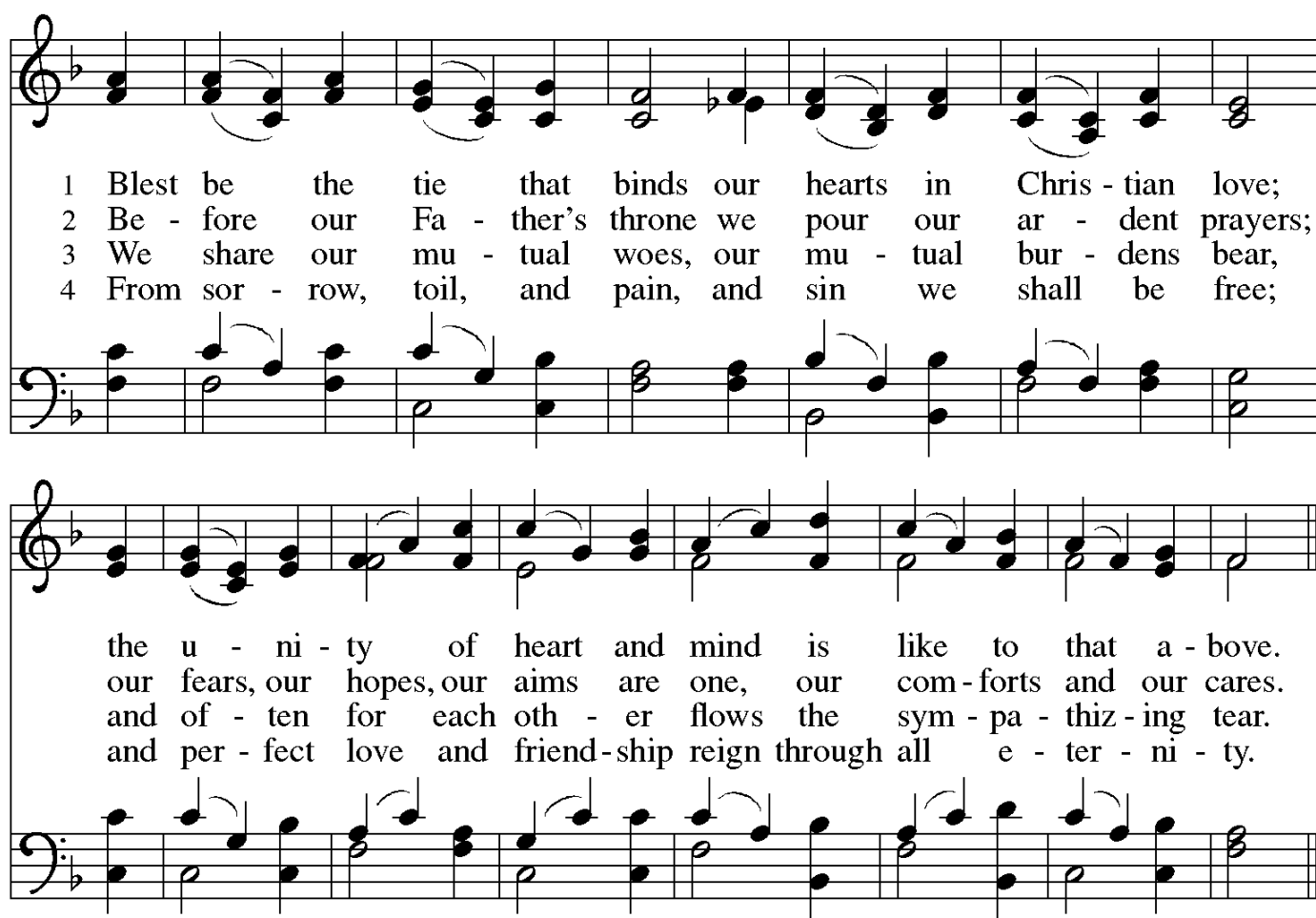
# COMMUNION BLESSING

## SEND

+SENDING HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

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1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,  
4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
the u-ni-ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

## +BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

Johann Pachelbel

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ELW Setting 4

*Kyrie, Glory to God, Holy, Lamb of God*

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*Organist & Pianist*

*Musicians*

*Lector*

*Usher*

*Greeter*

*Counter*

Rev. Wayne Peterson

Anne Phillips

Adult Choir

David Kleppe

Matt Peterson

Betty Pederson

Dean Renstrom & Jack Bacon

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

### TODAY

9am worship with the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*Peter's Denial*

John 13:31-38, John 18:1-27

Rev. Wayne Peterson, guest preacher

*Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.*

Welcome to Pastor Wayne Peterson, our guest Preacher today.

*Please note that the mask policy within the Peace building is now: Mask recommended but not required.*

### EASTER FLOWERS

An order form for Easter flowers is inserted in today's bulletin. Please fill out and put in the offering plate or drop off in the office with payment. Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 3rd.

### LENTEN BOOK STUDY- *YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!*

Our Lenten book study will be *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Groups will meet for 5 weeks during Lent starting the week of March 6. Small groups will meet Wednesday evenings after dinner. We have a few books (\$15) and study guides (\$5) available in the office. The book can be purchased on Amazon and the study guide is available online for free and a printed version is available for \$5. Go to our homepage at [www.peaceofplymouth.org](http://www.peaceofplymouth.org) and click on "SIGN UP" to register. Links are there for the book and the study guide.

### WORSHIP DURING LENT

"Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

Joel 2:13

Join us for Lenten worship and the opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with God and the Peace community.

Wednesday nights, in the Sanctuary and live-streamed March 23, 30 & April 6  
6:30 pm. Service of Evening Prayer from the ELW

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING REMINDER

**Sundays, March 20, 27 & April 3** - Regular lessons after worship - Sunday School, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation.

**Wednesdays, March 23, 30 & April 6** - families are encouraged to bring their children for dinner, Lenten worship, and programming. (See graphic below for details.)

**Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Soup is being served on Wednesdays during Lent.**

### FROM MARCH 9 - APRIL 6, HERE'S WHAT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL LOOK LIKE:

Lent 2022	Sunday School	Pre-Confirmation	Confirmation	Adults
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)			
6:00pm	Music (Activity Room)	Music (Activity Room)	Music (Activity Room)	Clean up, Fellowship, and Board Games
6:30pm	ELW Evening Prayer Worship (Sanctuary)			
7:00-7:30pm	Games (Fellowship Hall)	Games (Fellowship Hall)	Games (Fellowship Hall)	"The Universal Christ" Small Groups
7:45-8:45pm			Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)	Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)