

## Worship Plan for March 13, 2022: Second Sunday of Lent

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)



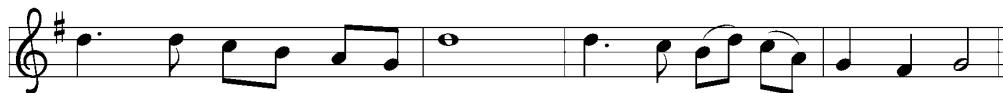
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



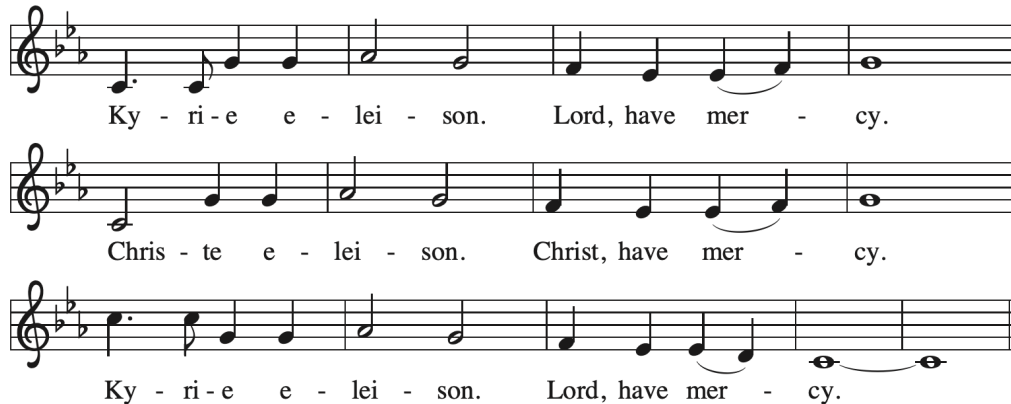
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## KYRIE

The words "kyrie eleison" are an ancient prayer meaning "Lord have mercy" The term "Kyrie/Lord" usually referred to a worldly ruler such as an emperor and asking the Kyrie for mercy was a legal plea. It was a subversive thing for the early church to proclaim that Jesus is Lord and not the imperial power.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

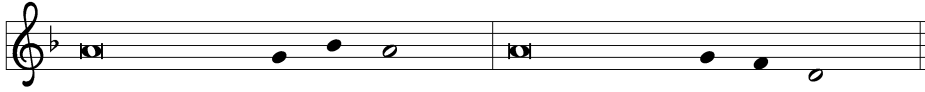
<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

## PSALM: Psalm 27



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- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,**  
**they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**
- <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
- <sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the**  
**LORD and to seek God | in the temple. R**
- <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.
- <sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**  
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to**  
**the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.
- <sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”**  
**Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.
- <sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,**  
**the LORD will | take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup>Teach me your | way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,**  
**for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.**
- <sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living!
- <sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD! and be strong.**  
**Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17–4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

- <sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.  
<sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY *We Sing to You, O God* (ELW 791)



1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us  
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert  
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its  
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your



birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in  
land, you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful  
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us  
wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our



all the earth. To you, O God, let  
pil-grim band. You kept us safe with-  
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of  
prais-es ring. Your word is true, your



songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.  
in your arms and shel-tered us a-against the storm.  
light and air and trust in your un-fail-ing care.  
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*You are invited to prepare your table with the food and drink that will be the Body and Blood of Christ for us,*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

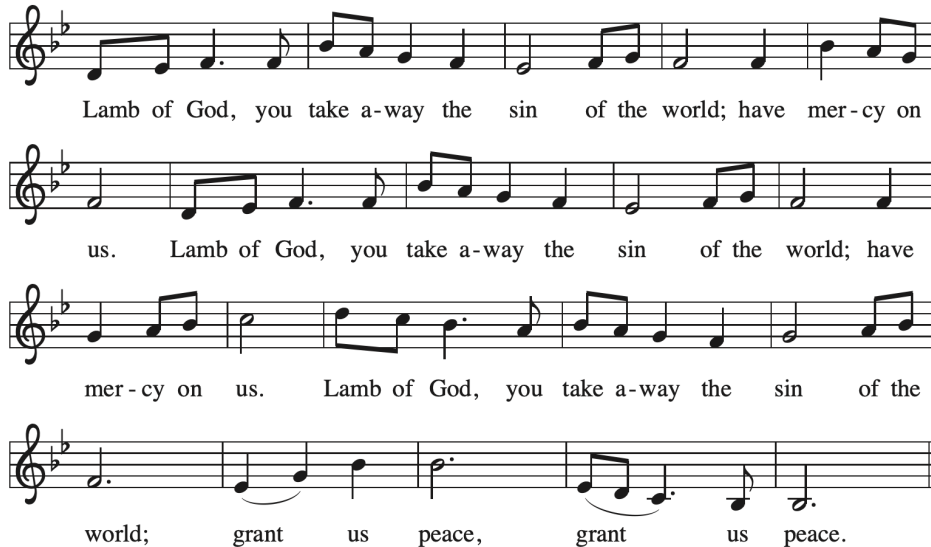
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled, for this is the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

(At this time you are invited to receive communion, having heard the words of Christ's promise in this meal. If you are with someone else you can commune one another with the words "Body of Christ, given for you" and "Blood of Christ, shed for you". If you are alone, you have heard them from the pastor.)

## COMMUNION SONG:



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.

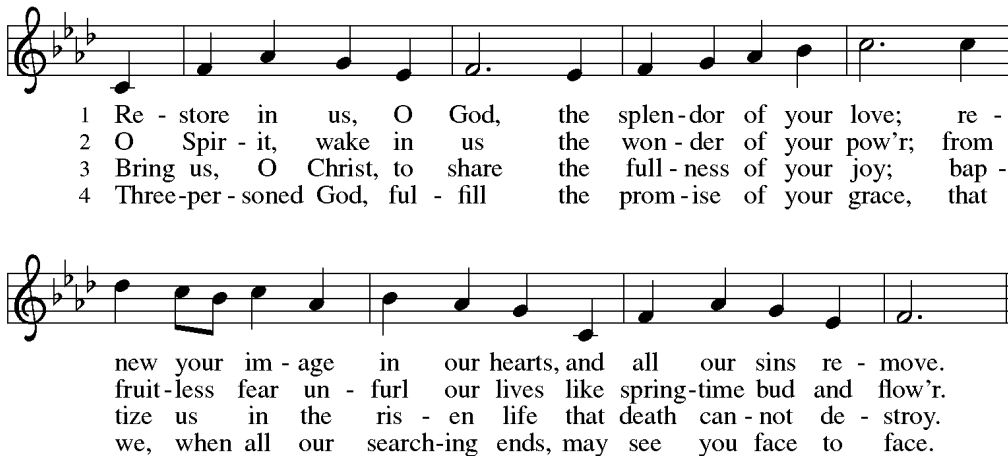
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✚ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Restore in Us, O God (BAYLOR) (ELW 328)*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that  
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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