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***Our mission is to share the Good
News of grace and love with all
through worship, service, and
fellowship.***



Our Vision:

***Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.***



***Fifth
Sunday
in Lent ~
April 6,
2025***

PRELUDE: 8:15 AM



“Father, We Thank Thee” – arr. Anne K. Organ

PRELUDE: 11:00 AM



“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”--Bev Kriner

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the
assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.



C We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide



P to welcome the wandering ones home.
In **+** Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 522-"As We Gather at Your Table"*

**1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**



**2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**



**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

GREETING

P The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE: *“Kyrie Eleison”- ELW page 184*

C **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

P For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**



P That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**



P For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

C **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.



P For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and
blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to
the Lord

C **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

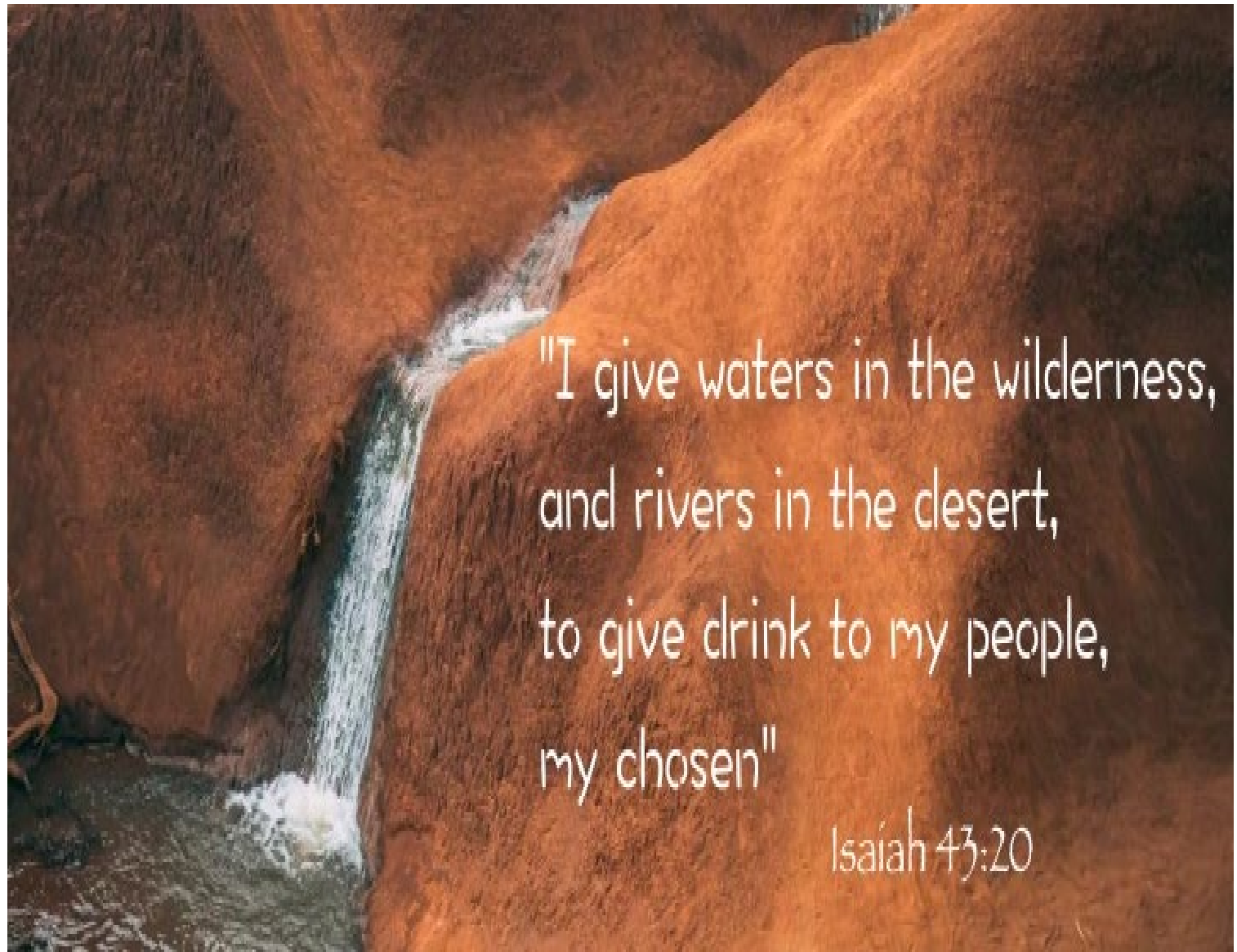
P Let us Pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

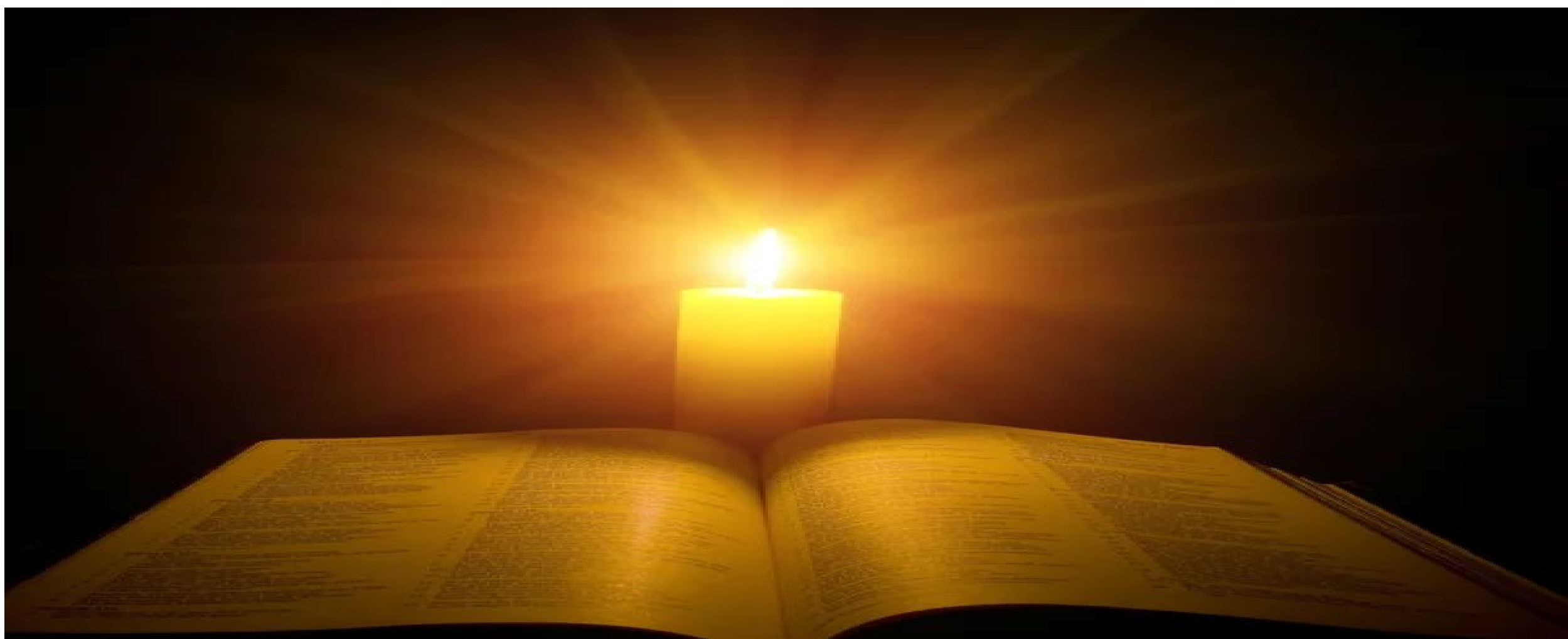
Isaiah 43:16-21

***The LORD gives
water in the
wilderness to
the chosen
people***



"I give waters in the wilderness,
and rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my people,
my chosen"

Isaiah 43:20



P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *ELW # 802-"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.**



**2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.**



**3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.**



**4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.**

**Philippians
3:4b-14**
***To know Christ
and his
resurrection,
to share in his
sufferings***





P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:15 AM



Special Presentation

SPECIAL MUSIC

11:00 AM



“Song of the Thorn” - JOY Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:– “*Let Your Steadfast Love*”

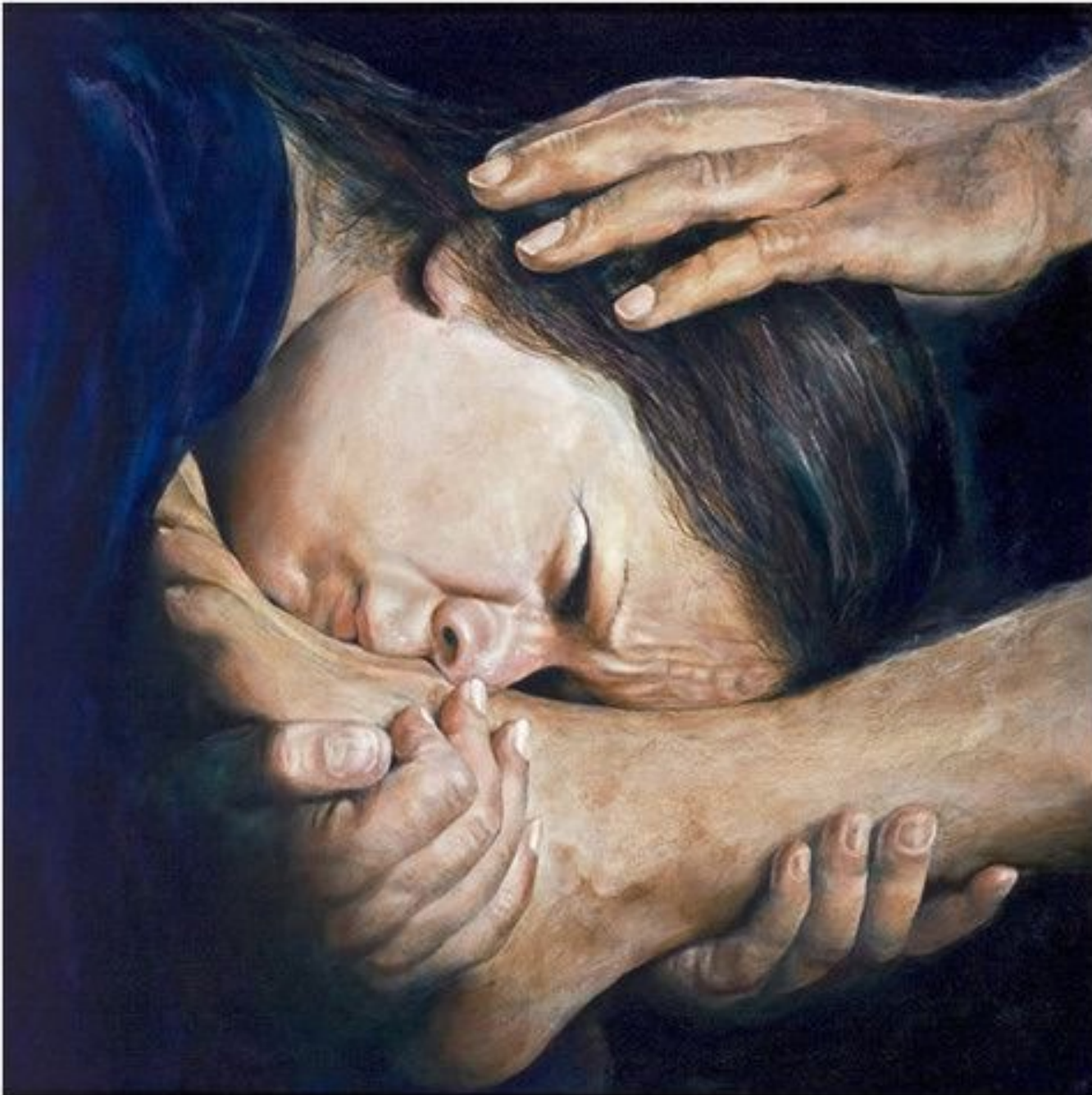
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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.



P The Holy
Gospel
according to
John 12:1-8

C Glory to
you O Lord.

(Gospel is Read)



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THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

***TODAY'S
MESSAGE
GIVEN BY***

***PASTOR
ART WUERTZ***



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION



Hymn of the Day: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your
love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**



**2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring
hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**



**3 O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**



**4 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**



**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**



**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**



**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,**



who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE



Passing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)



OFFERTORY:

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:

ELW # 186-"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

“It is indeed right...”



SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” – ELW Page 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow’r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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



- P** All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
- C** AMEN.

***ALL baptized Christians are welcome to
receive the Lord's Supper.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in
center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

DISTRIBUTION MEDLEY: 11:00 AM



Communion Hymn

ACS # 1040- "Love Has Brought Us Here Together"

**1 Love has brought us here together;
love of fam'ly, love of friends;
love, our vow till death should part us;
love, God's gift, that never ends.
From our birth, throughout our lifetime,
love's insistence calls our name.
Floods of waters cannot drown it
or put out its dancing flame.**



**2 Love is gentle, love is patient,
soft in words and kind in deeds.
Love is strong and never pompous;
love puts first the other's needs.
Not quick-tempered or resentful,
prone to take offense or brood,
love excels in grace and mercy,
never jealous, never rude.**



**3 Love does not rejoice at evil;
love rejoices in the right.
Keen in giving and forgiving,
spreading love is love's delight.
When two people pledge their union,
all who witness are renewed,
feasting at love's earthly banquet,
tasting heav'n's beatitude.**

ELW # 607 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

**1 Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
come to the mercy-seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts,
here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.**



**2 Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot
cure."**



**3 Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from
above.**

**Come to the feast of love; come, ever
knowing**

earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

ELW # 609- "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

**1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high,
lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his, and he is mine.**



**2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea,
lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous
thought—
found me when I sought him not.**



**3 Only Jesus can impart
balm to heal the wounded heart,
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
faith and hope to walk with God
in the way that Enoch trod.**



**4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to him are known,
all my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life
safe with him from earthly strife.**



**5 O my Savior, help afford
by your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply
while I live and when I die.**

COMMUNION BLESSING: *(Please Stand)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us
new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace
in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING:

P The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine
upon you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance
upon you, and give you peace.

C Amen

**1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your
name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**



**2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**



**3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your
name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**



**4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the
rise!**

**Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.**

**Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

SENDING:

- A** Go in peace.
Care for others as God cares for you.

- C** Thanks be to God.



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“Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus” – arr. Marianne Kim

