



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME! We are in the Season of Lent, the 40 day preparation for Easter. Today, we hear of Jesus' wandering in the wilderness. We thank God for being with us in our times of trial. Also, "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit is on display - featuring 23 works of various printmaking techniques. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis. The art exhibit is in Bankson Hall.

THE PRELUDE: *Ciaccona angelica* by Carson Cooman

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

THE GATHERING HYMN: *I Danced in the Morning*

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain: **Dance then wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain.)**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain.)**

**They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain.)**

THE CONFESSION (Psalm 51)
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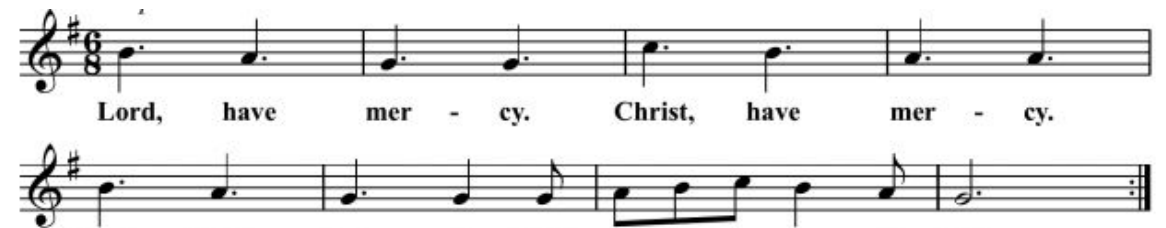
(People read/sing **bold**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

(Silence for confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy")

(Cantor sings verses/People sing refrain below.)



PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

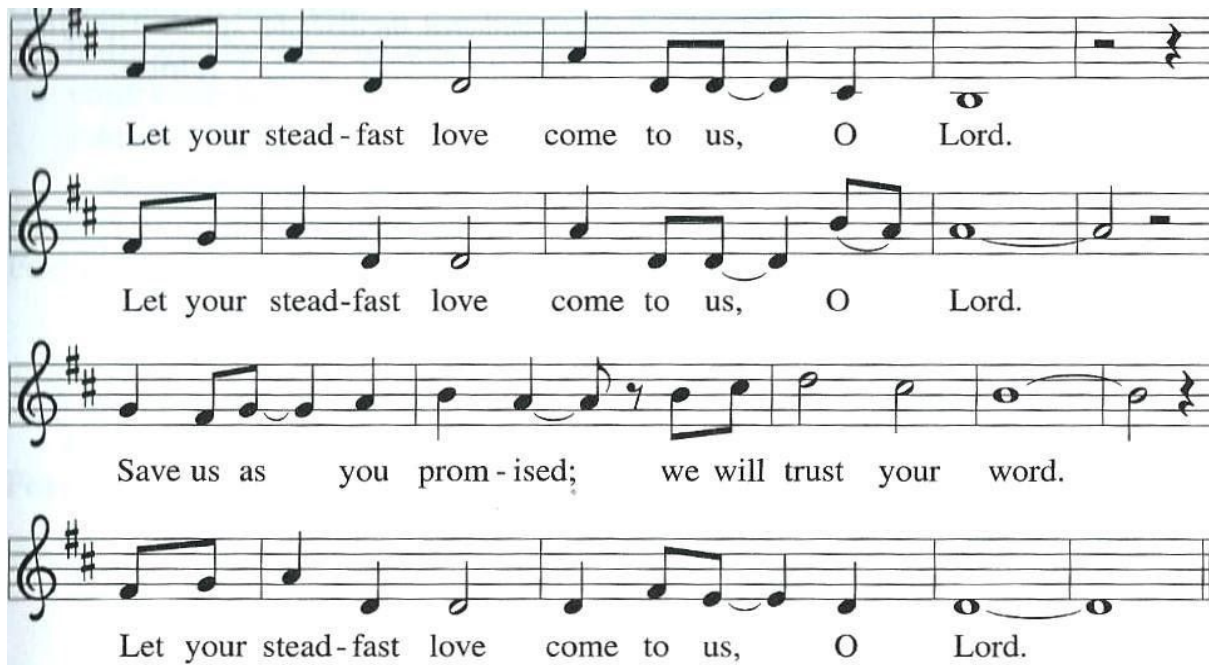
THE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. 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 again 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.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Marcy Backhus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: *The Summons*

#798 vv. 1-2, 5

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

THE MESSAGE: "Wilderness"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Aberystwyth/Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. William Bliem
Fred Johnson, piano & Kathy Person, violin

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and mercy,

We give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of Your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that You will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing You can use them to spread Your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross*

#660 vv. 1-2

Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.** (Refrain.)

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.** (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Am I a Soldier of the Cross* by R. J. Powell Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad you have joined us today! Please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dave and Judy Ross in celebration of Til Danker's 89th birthday!

LENT 2021 - For the Season of Lent (Feb.-March), the "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display in Bankson Hall. *Revealed* features 23 works of various printmaking techniques and covers the entire story of Redemption—from the Fall in Genesis through the New Creation promised in Revelation. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis. Every Wednesday, we will have worship at noon (livestreamed and in person). Thanks to the members who are sharing their faith at these brief services.

BACK INSIDE - Worship is now inside the sanctuary (25% capacity), sit wherever you see a bulletin and outside in the courtyard. Face masks are required. Thanks for following Gloria Dei's guidelines.

FIRST COMMUNION classes for children (age 10 or younger at discretion of parent/pastor) is three Wednesdays - March 3, 10, 17 - 4:30pm. For more information, email: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday, March 28.

LENTEN COIN BOXES are available today and during Lent. Collect coins for World Hunger. Bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop them at the office at any time.

LENT SOUP SUPPER, AT-HOME, RECIPES - We plan to highlight some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home, in-lieu of being able to meet in person. To share a soup recipe, please email it to fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - Not feeling well or at risk (pre-existing conditions/elderly), please watch the livestream. Extra masks & hand sanitizers available at Welcome Table.

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - We will be receiving new members at Gloria Dei on Sunday, February 28. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 949-493-3414.

THANKING GOD ON FRIDAY (TGOFF) - Join this brief prayer service each Friday at 8am. <https://www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint>. Micaela Lum will lead a song and Pastor David will lead prayers.

WHALE WATCHING - CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (and mentors) February 27, 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Paige has purchased the tickets. Adults \$56/Kids \$30. Masks required for this event. Questions? Contact Paige at youthdirector@mygloriadei.org.

G.I.F.T. GROUP (Growing in Faith Together) Small group - resumes on March 1, 6:30pm in Knudson Hall. Study is open to all adults - for more information about this study, contact Dave & Susan Warneke or the office at gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

"CALLING ALL CHEFS" - We're looking for people interested in participating as a host chef for monthly virtual cooking events. Contact Susie Boland at fellowship@mygloriadei.org.

DEVOTIONAL - January-March Devotionals have arrived! Pick it up at the Welcome Table, the church office or contact the office to have it mailed. 949-493-3414.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY continues Wednesdays, 10am. All women are welcome. A link will be sent out for the meeting. They are studying the Gospel of Mark.

OFFERING - Place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. For Text to Give, text \$ amount to 949-356-5326. First time, initial set up instructions texted back. Once set up, simply text donation. You can also give via credit card or debit card through our secure site - go to mygloriadei.org/donate.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Contact the office: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org or 949-493-3414.

ANNUAL REPORT is ready for pick up at the Welcome Table or the office, however the annual meeting has been postponed until June 27, 2021.

UPCOMING: Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (March 28); Maundy Thursday - A reflection on artwork in the Sanctuary - "The Last Supper with the Twelve Tribes" (April 1); Good Friday Tenebrae Worship (April 2, noon and 7pm); Easter Sunday (April 4 - 6:30am outside, 8:30am, 10am).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Lector: Denise Boyd; Usher: Tim Boyd; Welcome Table: Bonny Gillespie

10am: Lector: Linda Smith; Usher: Scott Lund; Welcome Table: Daneen Pysz

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 21-27, 2021 (Events are online, outdoors or 25% indoors)

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Columbarium Blessing for Jeff Johnson (11:15am); Confirmation (11:15am)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (4pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Ash Wednesday "Drive By" Ashes (8am-9am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Bethel Bible (6:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Heart Lifters Prayer Study (6:30pm)

Friday: Thanking God On Friday - TGOFF (8am)

Saturday: Serra's Pantry (8:30am)

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor: David R. Mattson; Preschool Director: Shelli Parajeckas; Children & Family Director: Barb Collins; Congregational Life Director: Susie Boland; Youth Director: Paige Gulck; Music Director: Kathy Person; Organist: Fred Johnson; PM Music Leader: Micaela Lum; Administrative Assistant: Carol Weinhardt