



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021

8:30am, 10:00am

WELCOME! We are in the Season of Lent, the 40 day preparation for Easter. Today, we hear Jesus' famous words from John 3 - "For God so loved the world..." May you experience that love deeply. Also, as we are close to Saint Patrick's Day, we will sing

a few favorite Irish songs. I hope one is a favorite for you too, even if you're not Irish!

THE PRELUDE: *God So Loved The World* by John Stainer

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Youth Director Paige

Gulck

THE CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold**

words.)

THE KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy")

(Cantor sings verses/People sing refrain

below.)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

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

THE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the third chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paige Gulck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN: O Christ the Same (Tune: Londonderry Air)

**O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.**

**O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.**

THE MESSAGE: *“And in This Corner Weighing in at...”*

Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *For the Beauty of the Earth* by J. Rutter Fred Johnson, piano

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Be Thou My Vision**

#793 vv. 1, 3

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK (Saint Patrick's Breastplate)

**I arise today - Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun, Splendor of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftmess of the wind,
Depth of the sea, Stability of the earth, Firmness of the rock.
I arise today - Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear, Alone or in a multitude. Christ shield me today Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today Through the mighty strength Of the Lord of creation. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: Canticle of the Turning (tune: Star of the County Down) #723 vv.

1-3

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev-'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain.)**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: *Carillon de Joie* by Douglas E. Wagner

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Tim Boyd in celebration of his wife, Denise's birthday!
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today, 9:30am. All members are invited for brief vote. Thanks.

NEW MEMBERS! Welcome to the following people who are joining the Gloria Dei family today: Bret & Maria Boyd; Til Dancker; Mark, Liz, Cole and Samantha Flippin; Kevin, Ashleigh, Reed & Easton Jensen; Mike & Dellita Kobold; and Cathy Savage. May God bless your lives through the Gloria Dei family as we work to serve our neighbors and world in Jesus' name. Their photos are at the Welcome Table.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2021 - (Feb.-March), the "REVEALED" Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display in Bankson Hall. The art, along with the Scripture represented, will be our Lenten emphasis. Every Wednesday, we have worship at noon (livestreamed and in person).

LENTEN COIN BOXES at Welcome Table, coins for World Hunger. Bring them back by Palm Sunday.

LENTEN SOUP RECIPES - Highlighting some simple soup recipes that church members could make at home. Pick up at the Welcome Table or access via the newsletter on the website: mygloriadei.org.

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.

BRASS MUSICIANS - Calling all brass players! All levels of ability are welcome! Rehearsals Tuesday at 4pm starting March 2nd. Contact Pastor David for more details. pastordavid@mygloriadei.org

FIRST COMMUNION classes for children (age 10 or younger at discretion of parent/pastor) is three Wednesdays - March 3, 10, 17 - 4:30pm. Email: gloriadei@mygloriadei.org.

GLORIA DEI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - Bowling at Saddleback Lanes Saturday, March 13, 6pm! Contact Paige if you'd like to attend - youth@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.

"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.

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday (March 28) with Palms, Procession, special music, First Communion, and more. Maundy Thursday (April 1) - individual prayer opportunity with new candle station in the Sanctuary; Good Friday Tenebrae (April 2, noon and 7pm) - 7 last words of Christ, Nailing of Prayer Concerns to the Cross, darkening, special music, Holy Communion. Easter - Resurrection Sunday - April 4 (6:30am, 8:30am, 10am) with trumpets, lilies, special music, and more.

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.

UPCOMING: Mother's Day/Petting Zoo for Good Shepherd Sunday (May 9); Ministry Celebration and Lunch (June 27).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Lector: Gretchen Enright; Usher: Steve Weiss; Welcome Table: Katherine Dickinson

10am: Lector: Susie Boland; Usher: Daneen & Dennis Pysz; Welcome Table: Betty Prock

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 14 - 20, 2021 (Events are online, outdoors or 25% indoors)

Today: Worship (8:30am & 10am); Congregational Meeting (9:30am)

Monday: RIOT Book Club (2pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Brass Practice (4pm); The Shack Group Study (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Lenten Service (12pm); 1st Communion Instruction (4:30pm); DHHS Baja Planning (5pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); Bell Rehearsal (6:30pm)

Friday: Thanking God On Friday - TGOF (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