



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent 2023

"Blessed Are You"

Matthew 5:1-12

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The 40 day Season of Lent is about following Jesus to the cross and preparing our hearts, minds, and lives for Easter. Our emphasis this year is on *The Beatitudes* - Jesus' famous words on the way of blessing. (Matthew 5:1-12) Thank you for joining us on the journey!

THE PRELUDE: *A Song of Life* by Lani Smith

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30am/10am)

Micaela Lum, Worship Leader (5pm)

THE GATHERING HYMN: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (Psalm 51)

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

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.)

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord have mercy") by Matt Maher

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

Lord of reconciliation, heal our wounds in darkest times.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie, eleison.**

In the midst of fear and violence, make our lives a prayer of peace.

Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.** Christe, eleison - **Christe, eleison.**

Healer of the broken-hearted, guide us to heaven's shores.

Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie, eleison - **Kyrie eleison.**

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lum

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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

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THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM (10am): *Eternal Light* by A. D.Miller Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: Lamb of God #336
Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,**
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain.)

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: “Opus Dei”

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *WA Mozart Adagio KV 580a*

Mallory Bacon, oboe

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*** (sung 2x) #814

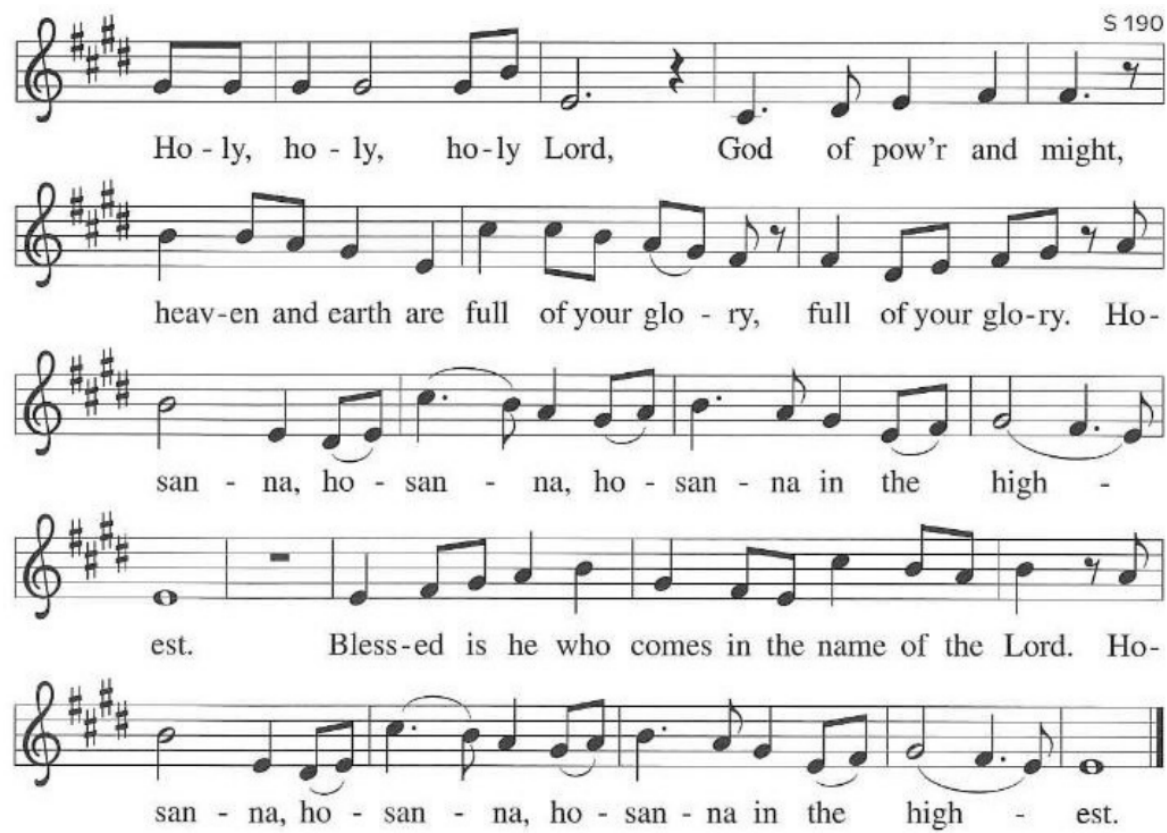
Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
(After each petition - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR
This is the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Lord, give us this bread always. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:
Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)
Lamb of God... **Lamb of God.**
You take away...
the sins of all...the world... Miserere nobis
Bread of life...You take away...
the sins of all...the world... Miserere nobis
Agnus Dei...You take away...the sins of all...the world...
Dona nobis Pacem

Blest Are They

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Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!**
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. (Refrain.)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain.)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Refrain.)

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LENT 2023 - For the Season of Lent (Feb.-March):

- **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** are held in Bankson Hall during Lent on Wednesdays, 6pm. Worship at 6:30pm. If you would like to provide a soup, see the sign-up at the Welcome Table.
- **LENTEN OFFERING** this year will go to Lutheran Disaster Response which works both internationally and domestically (including Turkey/Syria earthquake help).
- **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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Barbara Baldwin & Tom McKeown, Jeff Chipman & Pearl Zimmerman, Eric Houser, Dick & Mary Koebler, and Chris Wuebbens. Please greet them and reach out on the patio!

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT MEETING - final informational meeting, today, February 26, 9:30am in the Sanctuary. All men going on the retreat (March 3-5) are encouraged to attend.

YOUTH GATHERING AT GLORIA DEI - Our Saviors and Community Lutheran are joining Gloria Dei youth (Jr. & Sr. High) this evening, Feb. 26, 6-9pm, Bankson Hall - bounce house, fellowship & other fun. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. Question - Youth Director Paige Gulck (youth@mygloriadei.org).

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Middle School) - Next meetings are Sunday, March 5 and 19, 11:15am, in Knudson Hall. Questions: pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

FIRST COMMUNION classes for children begin for three Wednesdays on March 8, 5:15pm. For youth (age 10 or younger) and a parent - meet in the Sanctuary. See the sign-up for details. First Communion will take place on Palm Sunday, April 2, 10am.

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — 2nd Thursday monthly at 6pm in Bankson Hall - next gathering is Thursday, March 9. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT (March 3-5) - Carpool over Friday, watch games, great fellowship and home on Sunday. Questions, speak with Pastor David (pastordavid@mygloriadei.org).

Fred Johnson (8:30am/10am)

KINTSUGI EXPERIENCE led by Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum will take place on Monday, March 13, 1-4pm. See the sign-up at the Welcome Table. Questions: michellelum@mygloriadei.org.

COME SAIL AWAY - Sail the open sea through the Aventura Sailing Club with captain Jeff Chipman. March 17, 10-2pm or 2:30-6:30pm (two time slots). Cost \$50, payable to Jeff Chipman. See sign up at the Welcome Table for more details.

WOMEN'S EVENT - Headlands Hike with Ren Higgins above Strands Beach - March 18, 10am. Sign-up and more details at the Welcome Table.

(L&L) LUNCH & LEARN - Sunday, March 19, 11:15am in Bankson Hall. Sharon Magnuson, from the ELCA will speak on our work in the area of hunger, disaster response, including Ukraine. Lunch will be served (donation) during her presentation. (FYI - Fred Johnson will lead L&L on Sunday, April 30.)

THANKS to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for providing the artwork for our season - *You Are Dust*. Please take a look (and invite a friend) to view it in the Sanctuary.

HOLY LAND TOUR led by Pastor David, October 24 - November 2, 2023. Official brochure is at the Welcome Table. Contact Pastor David if you want to be placed on the interested list (no obligation): pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

CONFIRMATION/MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP via train to Union Rescue Mission, Sat. March 18. Leaving in the morning and returning late afternoon. Parents are needed to attend. Sign-up. Questions - email Youth Director Paige Gulck at youth@mygloriadei.org. This is an amazing trip of service and fun!

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint. Or you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services. Nursery is for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. The nursery is inside the preschool room, closest to the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school - Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all our teachers in this important ministry!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday, 10am. All women are invited. Study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

SANCTUARY CHOIR - Adults/Teens are welcome to join this choir which rehearses every Thursday, 7:30pm. Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person (music@mygloriadei.org).

HEALTH GUIDELINES - With Covid, flu, etc., you're welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If you're sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

UPCOMING - Palm Sunday and Pancake Breakfast (April 2); Good Friday Worship (April 7, noon and 7pm); Easter/Resurrection Sunday (April 9, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10am); Raise the Roof Dinner (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4).

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Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson (organist@mygloriadei.org)
5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Jenna Hallowell; Coffee Prep: David Ross; Communion: Sharry Hilyard & Henri Nurminen; Lector: Gretchen Enright; Usher: Christian Asis & Diane Kelly; Welcome Table: Gene Rathbun
10am: Acolyte: Jackson Brodrick; Coffee Clean-up: Scott Lund; Communion: Betty Prock & Laurene Holmes-Hylton; Lector: Susan Warneke; Usher: Susan Behnke & John Cummings; Welcome Table: Virginia Anderson
5pm: Communion & Lector:Lorraine McCarty

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am & 5pm); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Children's Message Meeting (9:30am); Men's Spring Retreat Meeting (9:30am); Joint Lutheran Youth Event (6pm)
Monday: South Coast Literacy Council (10am);Preschool Choir (11:30am); Al Anon (5:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Heart Lifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Ash Wednesday Worship (12pm); Soup Supper (6pm); Lenten Worship (6:30pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); Internship Committee Meeting (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)